

Monkton Select Board Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2012

Approved 9/24/2012

Monkton Town Hall

1. Call to Order: Chair J. Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:58 PM
2. Select Board (SB) Members Present: Anne Layn, John McNerney, Peter Norris, Sr., John Phillips, Stephen Pilcher

Others Present: Development Review Board (DRB) Chair Peter Close, Bill Joos

3. Announcements: None

4. Regular Business:

- a. **Approve minutes** of Previous Meetings: The SB reviewed the minutes of August 23, 2012. **J. McNerney moved to approve the 8/23/12 meeting minutes as written; motion seconded by P. Norris, Sr. Voted and approved.**

- b. The SB reviewed and approved the following **check warrants**:

- A/P# 20905, 9/05/12, \$129,282.83
- A/P# 20910, 9/10/12, \$ 10,210.63
- P/R# 20910, 9/10/12, \$ 10,497.54

- c. There were no **overweight permits** to review.

5. Old Business:

- a. ANAC Funding Proposal – Update: ANAC postponed their appearance before the SB to present the Orb Weaver Farm conservation proposal, as more preparation time is necessary. A brief conversation regarding zoning variances followed, with J. Phillips commenting on how variances are typically granted. P. Norris offered a hypothetical scenario to consider about future development. An ANAC update will be added to the next SB meeting agenda (9/24).

- b. PACE - Update: The SB discussed what should be the next step(s) in the process. There was a back and forth discussion among the SB about which entity is responsible for what actions. S. Pilcher mentioned use of the town attorney to review documents. Jay Frater of the Monkton Energy Committee had inquired if a public meeting will be forthcoming. The SB agreed that the next step was to meet with Efficiency Vermont. S. Pilcher suggested that Town Treasurer Charles Roumas review the document(s). J. McNerney will act as the SB liaison, and contact the Monkton Energy Committee and Efficiency Vermont.

- c. Solar Energy - Update: 3 firms have expressed interest, but no formal bids have been submitted. J. Phillips asked what the next step should be. J. Phillips suggested that the interested companies should consider appearing at the first regular SB meeting in October (10/8). Cost figures, proposal details, the need for public hearings, etc... were

mentioned. P. Norris commented on the amount of kilowatts to be considered. S. Pilcher will confer with Monkton Energy Committee member Wendy Sue Harper to arrange visits by interested firms.

- d. Tax Sale Review: J. Phillips advised that a single property wound up in the year's tax sale. All other outstanding taxes, penalties, and related costs were paid by property owners prior to the tax sale.

6. New Business:

- a. Review Recent Email/Letter(s): 1) Mary Gerdt sent an email dated 8/29/12 regarding the availability of minutes from various committees; the ANAC minutes are current, except for one meeting. It was noted that ANAC does not meet that often; 2) M. Gerdt complained also about access to DRB minutes. P. Close commented. All DRB minutes have been printed and posted, except for 2 meetings in May, when a changeover in minutes takers took place; 3) a letter dated August 28, 2012 from Pedro Zevallos of Burchfield Management Company, LLC. The SB confirmed receipt of the letter. The SB discussed various issues involving the actions of the Monkton Zoning Administrator and the Development Review Board concerning the application of Brisson Stone, LLC submitted on January 11, 2012.
- b. Firewood Storage: Jay Frater of the Energy Committee approached Road Commissioner Wayne Preston about creating a wood bank and storing firewood at the town garage on States Prison Hollow Rd. The SB agreed that the town garage lacks storage space, and recommended that the Energy Committee seek another site.
- c. VT Gas Public Meeting Date: The SB recommended that a public meeting be scheduled on an "off-Monday" (when no regular SB meeting is scheduled) at the Monkton Fire Station on States Prison Hollow Rd. J. Phillips will contact VT Gas to schedule.

7. Other Business:

- a. P. Close asked if this is a good time to update maps town-wide. The SB and P. Close reviewed the Vermont General Highway Map for the Town of Monkton (U.S. DOT/FHA) dated 10/25/11. Various remedies to impassable roads were considered. J. Phillips will confer with Road Commissioner Wayne Preston.

8. Adjournment:

Motion made by S. Pilcher to adjourn at 8:10 PM; seconded by J. McNerney. Voted and approved.