

Monkton Select Board Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2013

Approved 3/25/13

Monkton Town Hall

1. Call to Order: Chair J. Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.
2. Select Board (SB) Members Present: John McNerney, John Phillips, Stephen Pilcher

SB Members Absent: Anne Layn, Roger Parker, Jr.

Others Present: Jennifer Baker, Ron Clark, Daljit Clark, Laura Farrell, Ivor Hughes, Renee McGuinness, Jane Palmer, Nathan Palmer, and Bill Joos
3. Announcements: None
4. Regular Business:
 - a. The **meeting minutes** of February 25, 2013 were not reviewed, due to an attendance challenge. The 2/25 minutes will be reviewed at the next regular SB meeting on 3/25.
 - b. The SB reviewed and approved the following **check warrants**:
 - A/P# 30311, 03/11/13, \$ 20,918.25
 - P/R# 30311, 03/11/13, \$ 8,949.86
 - c. The SB reviewed and approved the following **overweight permits**:
 - Camp Precast Concrete Products, Inc.
 - Champlain Construction Co. / Bear Dog Enterprises
 - Chevalier Drilling Co., Inc.
 - Currier Logging & Transport Inc.
 - D & F Excavating & Paving, Inc.
 - Steve Denton Excavating
 - Germaine's Excavating
 - Kennedy Excavating, LLC
 - Miner Excavating
 - Newport Sand & Gravel Co., Inc. / Carroll Concrete Co., Inc.
 - O'Casey Trucking, Inc.
 - Onsite Septic Solutions, LLC
 - Jeff Palin Excavating, Inc.
 - Panoramic Landscaping & Excavation, Inc.
 - Parent Construction Inc.
 - Pike Industries, Inc.
 - Poulin Grain Inc.
 - SD Ireland Concrete Const. Corp & SD Ireland Brothers Corp.

5. Old Business:

- a. Appointments List: The SB reviewed listings of appointments used and posted online by neighboring communities (for formatting ideas). J. McNerney will resend an email to the SB and Town Clerk regarding the terms of certain Monkton positions. J. Phillips discussed elected positions versus appointed positions. Appointments will be formalized at the next regular SB meeting on 3/25. A public notice will appear in *The Addison Independent*, with a deadline of 5:00 PM on 3/25/13 for submissions by interested parties.
- b. Kyle Nolin Curb Cut Application: J. Phillips visited the site with Monkton Road Commissioner Wayne Preston. The SB reviewed a map of the subdivision building lots. The SB expressed concern about vegetation/maintenance/sight issues surrounding the proposed curb cut – in other words, as applied for, this is not a viable location for a curb cut. **S. Pilcher moved to deny the Nolin curb cut application as submitted; seconded by J. McNerney.** Further discussion followed. **Voted and approved.**
- c. Town Meeting Review: J. Phillips indicated that the meeting went well, in his opinion. J. McNerney and S. Pilcher agreed, and commented on specific discussions related to the various articles.
- d. Vermont Gas Systems, Inc. (VGS)/Addison Natural Gas Project (ANGP) Update: J. Palmer asked about progress in discussions with VGS. J. Phillips explained that a meeting with VGS is scheduled for this week. N. Palmer expressed concern that his property will be crossed regardless of any concerns registered, and that he felt “like a sacrificial lamb.” S. Pilcher welcomed the input from Monkton residents. N. Palmer wondered with dismay if other energy types beyond natural gas might ultimately be piped alongside the transmission line, creating “an energy corridor.” Other residents present expressed concern about the language appearing in the easements to be negotiated. S. Pilcher stated that the SB will confer with town attorney Josh Diamond on the issues of concern to Monkton residents. S. Pilcher mentioned that he just received an email from VGS referencing distribution within Monkton. J. Phillips mentioned that VGS has yet to provide details about the location of any gate station(s). One SB goal is to create a memorandum of understanding with VGS. S. Pilcher mentioned concerns expressed to him by members of the Monkton Conservation Committee. I. Hughes spoke about information appearing online related to the pipeline running through the Town of Shoreham, with revenue to the town resulting. J. Phillips and S. Pilcher mentioned PVR (property valuation review). I. Hughes shared some of his personal analyses and assumptions related to the ANGP project. I. Hughes also commented that the town needs to be compensated by VGS, and offered certain assumptions to support his argument. R. McGuinness asked about an open house with VGS to discuss their project. J. Phillips agreed to email Steve Wark at VGS to confer about scheduling the open house. J. Baker asked if the SB had a list of issues for presentation to VGS, mentioning blasting as one issue. The proximity of certain homes in Monkton to the proposed pipeline, and eminent domain are other issues of importance. J. Baker asked why residents should have to pay their own attorney to

have their property compromised. J. McNerney shared a hydrologist's observation. J. Baker mentioned that the Town of New Haven has requested a four foot pipeline depth throughout the town. J. Baker commented that the Town of Hinesburg has created a page on its website presenting all documents related to the ANGP. J. Baker asked if Monkton can also present ANGP documents online. S. Pilcher agreed to take a look at the website (see <http://monktonvt.com>).

6. New Business:

- a. Brisson Stone, LLC Summons: The SB mentioned the need to respond within 20 days following receipt of the notice. Related to a response, J. Phillips believes that DRB Chair Peter Close has conferred with attorney Liam Murphy, who has represented the DRB in the permitting process to date.
- b. Approve Tax Sale Process: Delinquent Tax Collector Rod Burritt has indicated a need exists to hold a tax sale. The SB discussed the process, which was agreed upon last year (but will be commenced sooner in 2013). **S. Pilcher moved to approve the request of the Delinquent Tax Collector to initiate the tax sale process; seconded by J. McNerney. Voted and approved.**
- c. ANAC Reorganization: L. Farrell appeared and mentioned some recent changes in personnel, as former Chair Sue Regier is relocating out-of-state. The new/retained officers are as follows: L. Farrell is Chair; Sam Burr is Vice Chair; Caitlin Cusack is Secretary, all for 3 year terms. Two openings exist for full time membership. C. Cusack will draft a letter to the SB seeking appointment as a full time member.
- d. Conservation Commission: L. Farrell sought clarification about the group's committee or commission designation. J. Phillips confirmed that the group is a commission. L. Farrell asked about the timing of the delivery of documents related to VGS/ANGP, and requested the deadline for providing comments. I. Hughes recommended that emails be sent to the Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) and the Public Service Board (PSB).

7. Other Business: The SB postponed organizing/designating its members (Chair, Vice Chair) until the next regular SB meeting on 3/25, when more members can be present.

8. Adjournment:

S. Pilcher moved to adjourn at 8:35 PM; seconded by J. McNerney. Voted and approved.