

Monkton Select Board Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2013

Approved 6/24/2013

Monkton Town Hall

1. Call to Order: Chair J. Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. Select Board (SB) Members Present: Ann Layn, John McNerney, Roger Parker, Jr., John Phillips

SB Member Absent: Stephen Pilcher

Others Present: Attorney Joshua Diamond, Jennifer Baker, Ivor Hughes, Michael Hurlburt, Sara-Paule Koeller, Renee McGuinness, Jane Palmer, Nate Palmer, Maren Vasatka, and Bill Joos

3. Announcements: None

4. Regular Business:

- a. **Approve Minutes** of Previous Meeting: The SB reviewed the regular meeting minutes of May 27th 2013. There was a request to correct a word choice in item 5a. to which the SB agreed. **J. McNerney moved to approve the 5/27 minutes as amended; the motion was seconded by A. Layn. Voted and approved.**

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

- A/P# 30610, 06/10/13, \$ 38,706.92
- P/R# 30603, 06/03/13, \$ 10,103.99

- c. The SB reviewed and approved the following **overweight permit**:

- Jeff Cook dba Plank Road Bldg & Remodeling

5. Old Business:

- a. Monkton Central School (MCS) Building Use Policy: J. Phillips announced that he received and would circulate a copy of the MCS policy for review by the SB.

- b. Vermont Gas Systems, Inc. (VGS)/Addison Natural Gas Project (ANGP)/Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Discussion: **R. Parker moved to enter into Executive Session at 7:03 PM to discuss the ramifications of the 6/3/10 SB vote to reject the MOU with VGS as drafted; motion seconded by J. McNerney. Voted and approved.** J. Diamond was invited to join the Executive Session. **J. McNerney moved to come out of Executive Session at 8:09 PM; seconded by J. Phillips. Voted and approved.**

- c. Vermont Gas Systems, Inc. (VGS)/Addison Natural Gas Project (ANGP)/Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Status Update: J. Phillips advised that no action related to a revised MOU would be taken this evening. J. Phillips also noted that the town will meet again with VGS tomorrow (Tuesday, June 11, 2013)

and an informational meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 12th, 2013 at 7:00 PM at a location to be determined. J. Phillips opened the floor to comments, suggestions and questions. J. Palmer asked why the town needed to be party to an MOU, to which J. Diamond responded. A. Layn commented on the setbacks that were negotiated by J. Phillips and S. Pilcher on behalf of the town. J. Baker shared comments on blasting parameters. J. Diamond explained language appearing in the MOU as written. J. Diamond stated clearly and repeatedly that he is neither providing a legal opinion nor representing any of the visitors via his general comments in response to their inquiries. J. Baker asked a series of questions, all of which were answered by J. Diamond. I. Hughes referenced an email containing suggestions that he sent this day to the SB. I. Hughes asked about the possible location of a gate station. I. Hughes also inquired if the SB would consider a stated position against the ANGP. J. Phillips responded to the inquiry. R. Parker asked I. Hughes to clarify his position. M. Vasatka asked if radon testing could be included in the testing to be performed by VGS. N. Palmer mentioned a preferred pipeline route from Hinesburg. A resident mentioned the difficulty in general and certain disingenuous aspects of negotiating a right-of-way with VGS. R. McGuinness asked about MOU language regarding the amount of money allocated to legal fees as it relates to individual landowners. R. McGuinness asked also about the need for existing MOU language which seemingly indicates the town approves the overall project. **J. McNerney moved to reenter into Executive Session at 8:41 PM to discuss further issues related to a revised MOU with VGS; motion seconded by A. Layn. Voted and approved.** J. Diamond was invited to join the Executive Session. **J. McNerney moved to come out of Executive Session at 8:52 PM; seconded by R. Parker. Voted and approved.**

6. New Business:

- a. Fee for 911 Signs: Zoning and 911 Administrator Ken Wheeling has advised that the current cost to produce a 911 sign exceeds what a resident is charged. J. Phillips asked K. Wheeling to document the sign fee received by several nearby towns, and report back to the SB.

7. Other Business: a) J. Phillips received a report from a Hardscrabble Road resident about what the resident believes is a dangerous stretch of roadway, with accidents resulting. R. Parker indicated he would visit the location with Road Commissioner Wayne Preston; b) J. Phillips shared some brief comments about the status of a lawsuit brought by Peter Norris, Sr.; c) A. Layn commented on her research related to cemetery statutes; further discussion was tabled until the next regular SB meeting; d) the SB decided to hold the MOU informational meeting this coming Wednesday (6/12/13) at Monkton Town Hall at 7:00 PM. A notice will be posted, as usual, including on the town website and via Front Porch Forum.

8. Adjournment:

J. McNerney moved to adjourn at 8:59 PM; seconded by R. Parker. Voted and approved.