

Monkton Select Board Meeting Minutes

August 26, 2013

(Approved Sept. 9, 2013)

Monkton Town Hall

1. Call to Order: Chair J. Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.
2. Select Board (SB) Members Present: Anne Layn, John McNerney, John Phillips, Stephen Pilcher

Select Board Member Absent: Roger Parker, Jr.

Others Present: Thea Gaudette and Bill Joos

3. Announcements: None

4. Regular Business:

- a. **Approve Minutes** of Previous Meeting: The SB reviewed the meeting minutes of August 12th 2013. There were no requests for edits or additions. **A. Layn moved to approve the August 12th meeting minutes as written; motion seconded by S. Pilcher. Voted and approved.**

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

- A/P# 30826, 08/26/13, \$23,984.30
- P/R# 30826, 08/26/13, \$ 7,650.92

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

- d. **Public Comment**: None

5. Old Business:

- a. Vermont Gas Systems (VGS) Easement Workshop: J. Phillips has exchanged emails with Rob Woolington, a contact who can present a workshop for interested Monkton residents. The SB considered dates and organizational parameters. **S. Pilcher moved to hire Rob Woolington to present a 2-hour session on the easement process targeted to Monkton residents impacted by the Addison Natural Gas Project (ANGP); motion seconded by A. Layn. Voted and approved.** The SB considered date(s) and a location to hold the workshop, the details of which (all TBD) will be posted on the town website (and perhaps appear on a postcard – the SB will pursue an email/ mailing list). The SB is aware of 37 landowners at a minimum who may wish to attend.

- b. Park & Ride Grant Application: T. Gaudette appeared and shared project plans and a grant application. The park and ride lot will be located on town owned land at Monkton Ridge, include low impact LED lighting, and provide 15-20 parking spaces, at least as presently contemplated. A timer or motion sensors are under consideration for the lighting. T. Gaudette shared quotes for a gravel or paved lot, and noted that this is not a matching grant program; the grant submission deadline

is Friday, 8/30/13. T. Gaudette shared her appreciation of the support received by the Addison County Regional Planning Commission. **J. McNerney moved that the SB authorize T. Gaudette to submit the proposed design and application for a park and ride lot adjacent to the proposed town hall; A. Layn seconded the motion. Voted and approved.** T. Gaudette requested that the SB add consultant/contractor Landworks to its September 9th regular meeting agenda so that they may share their study related to the plan. T. Gaudette will scan and return to the SB copies of the study and grant application.

- c. Parking Policy: A Layn shared a draft document; J. Phillips will confer with VLCT for guidance. The SB wants any policy to be comprehensive; the SB reviewed a list of parking lots in town. J. Phillips shared details of his conversations with the Addison County Sheriff, who has expressed a willingness to increase patrols in Monkton. The SB will discuss the parking policy further at a forthcoming meeting.
- d. Nolin Curb Cut Application: S. Pilcher and J. Phillips visited the site. S. Pilcher and J. Phillips are not in favor of allowing an additional curb cut, and noted that the existing curb cut offers save distances and sight lines. A. Layn was open to considering a “swapping” of curb cuts, but is also against approving an additional curb cut. **S. Pilcher moved to deny the Nolin curb cut application on the basis that sight lines are not improved; further, the approved subdivision allows only 1 curb cut for that 3 lot area; motion seconded by J. McNerney. Voted and approved.**
- e. Gould Legal Action: J. Phillips indicated a need to meet in Executive Session. **J. McNerney moved to enter into Executive Session at 8:17 PM to review a pending legal matter; A. Layn seconded the motion. Voted and approved.** The SB discussed myriad details and considerations regarding a pending lawsuit. **S. Pilcher moved to come out of Executive Session at 8:28 PM; A. Layn seconded the motion. Voted and approved.**

6. New Business:

- a. Set Tax Rate: At the request of the interim treasurer, the SB tabled setting the tax rate tonight. Further work is required before the 2013 tax rate is declared.
- b. Town and School Treasurer – Interim Appointment: The SB and candidate William Joos discussed the position, including salary requirements. S. Pilcher noted that of the three applications received by the deadline for the advertized position; only a single, qualified candidate emerged. The SB heard from other interested parties, but all declined to apply given the advertized salary. **S. Pilcher moved to pay the Town and School Treasurer an annual salary of \$32,500.00, effective 9/6/13; A. Layn seconded the motion. Voted and approved.** The SB discussed other elected positions in town government. J. Phillips will confer with VLCT regarding elected and appointed positions. With discussion concluded, **S. Pilcher moved to appoint William Joos as the Town and School Treasurer to complete the remaining term of Charles J. Roumas (i.e., through 3/4/14); the motion was seconded by A. Layn; voted and approved.**

7. Other Business: None.

8. Adjournment: **A. Layn moved to adjourn at 8:42 PM; seconded by S. Pilcher. Voted and approved.**

Minutes submitted by Bill Joos

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