

# Monkton Select Board Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2013

(approved 9/23/13)

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: Anne Layn, John McNerney, Roger Parker, Jr., John Phillips

SB Member Absent: Stephen Pilcher

Others Present: DRB Chair Peter Close, Road Commissioner Wayne Preston, Matthew Robinson (LandWorks), Jennifer Baker, Dave Bean, Barbara Bordeaux, Bradley Bordeaux, Chris Burritt, K. L. Dixon, Kyle Dixon, Ralph Fitz-Gerald, Thea Gaudette, Wendy Sue Harper, Don Kuhns, Renee McGuinness, Amy Moody, Rachel Schattman, Maren Vasatka, and Bill Joos

3. Announcements: None

4. Regular Business:

- a. **Approve Minutes** of Previous Meetings: The SB reviewed the regular meeting minutes of August 26<sup>th</sup> and the special meeting minutes of September 5<sup>th</sup> 2013. There were no requests for edits or additions to either edition. **A. Layn moved to approve the August 26<sup>th</sup> regular meeting minutes as written; motion seconded by J. McNerney. A. Layn moved to approve the September 5<sup>th</sup> special meeting minutes as written; J. McNerney seconded the motion. Voted and approved.**

- b. The SB reviewed and approved the following **check warrants**:
  - A/P# 30909, 09/09/13, \$13,626.41
  - P/R# 30909, 09/09/13, \$ 7,604.47

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

- d. **Public Comment**: None

5. Old Business:

- a. Norris Legal Settlement: J. Phillips advised of the need for an Executive Session. **A. Layn moved to enter into Executive Session at 7:01 PM to discuss a pending legal matter with on hand counsel; R. Parker seconded the motion. Voted and approved.** The SB discussed considerations related to a pending lawsuit. **A. Layn moved to come out of Executive Session at 7:25 PM; seconded by R. Parker. Voted and approved. A. Layn moved to authorize counsel to pursue the objectives discussed in Executive Session; motion seconded by R. Parker. Voted and approved.**

- b. ANAC Alternate Appointment: Rachel Schattman appeared to inquire about the open position on the commission; the SB asked several questions of Ms. Schattman, who shared details about her background. No action was taken.
  - c. Vermont Gas Systems, Inc. (VGS)/Addison Natural Gas Project (ANGP) Update: R. McGuinness requested an update; she also mentioned that S. Pilcher had contacted her to ask about the location of their spring. J. Phillips responded and advised that ANR is looking at options related to pipeline location, including consideration of sections to be located (possibly) off the VELCO corridor. The SB understands that VGS and ANR have a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) under final consideration. The SB and the audience commented on various rumors that are circulating. S. Pilcher has worked to develop a map of the proposed route. J. Phillips and attorney Joshua Diamond will join a forthcoming bus trip around the area proposed to host the pipeline. J. Phillips mentioned that a PSB hearing is scheduled for tomorrow (Tues, 9/10) in Middlebury at 7:00 PM. In addition, the easement workshop with Mr. Woolington is proposed for Thursday, 10/17, possibly to be held at the Monkton Fire Station. J. Phillips advised that 5-6 Monkton landowners have signed agreements with VGS. An audience member asked if the PSB has determined a date to make its decision. J. Baker confirmed that no decision date has been announced by the PSB.
  - d. Nature Conservancy Curb Cut Application: This item was tabled for tonight. The Nature Conservancy needs to resubmit its curb cut application.
  - e. No Parking Ordinance: This item was tabled for tonight. Discussion will follow at the next regularly scheduled SB meeting on 9/23.
6. New Business:
- a. LandWorks Presentation – Complete Streets: M. Robinson appeared and presented voluminous information, very specific details, and multiple options involving traffic plans and road layouts. Traffic calming suggestions and gateways were offered. M. Robinson solicited questions. Residents and the SB asked about traffic flow, speed, and roadway widths. M. Robinson mentioned roadway paving, the use of streetlights, “mid-block” considerations, pavement patterns, and repainting traffic lines. Gateways, intersections, and related options were discussed. M. Robinson also surfaced fencing, street trees and simple road signs as worthy to consider. In response to J. Phillips’ inquiry, T. Gaudette described the next step in the process. W. Preston discussed road-stripping costs, and differentiated between centerline painting. An audience member praised the potential use of streetlights. Residents expressed concern about the proximity of their homes to the roadway. T. Gaudette advised of an expanded presentation by LandWorks at the Regional Planning meeting on Wednesday (9/11) in Middlebury.
  - b. Stolen Road Signs: W. Preston provided J. Phillips with a list of stolen street signs, and confirmed the replacement costs involved. The SB will consider the issue and potential remedies at future regular meeting(s).

- c. Regional Planning Commission Vacancy: Charles Huizenga, Sr. indicated an interest in resigning his position. Instead, C. Huizenga will remain as an alternate. Wendy Sue Harper has graciously offered to attend meetings in C. Huizenga's place.
- d. Kim Jewell Fundraiser: K. Jewell is hosting a Haunted House fundraiser at her home on Hardscrabble Rd. to benefit a foster child. The SB confirmed that no permit is required. K. Jewell provided a letter, and consulted with the sheriff. The SB appreciated the notice, complimented K. Jewell on the event's organization, and has no issues whatsoever with the fundraiser.

7. Other Business: None

8. Adjournment: **A. Layn moved to adjourn at 8:43 PM; seconded by J. McNerney. Voted and approved.**

Minutes submitted by Bill Joos

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