

Monkton Select Board Meeting Minutes
November 11, 2013 (Approved 11-25-13)
Monkton Town Hall

1. Call to Order: Chair J. Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:55 PM.
2. Select Board (SB) Members Present: Anne Layn, John McNerney, Roger Parker, Jr. (7:45 PM arrival; recused himself from personnel interviews) John Phillips, Stephen Pilcher

Others Present: Logan LeCompte, Tyler Lewis and Bill Joos

- a. Interviews – Road Crew Position: **S. Pilcher moved to enter into Executive Session at 6:56 PM to interview candidates for a road crew position in the Monkton Highway Department; A. Layn seconded the motion. Voted and approved.** T. Lewis and L. LeCompte visited individually with the SB in Executive Session. **S. Pilcher moved to come out of Executive Session at 7:47 PM; seconded by J. McNerney. Voted and approved.**
3. Announcements: None
4. Regular Business:
 - a. **Approve Minutes** of Previous Meetings: N/A
 - b. The SB reviewed and approved the following **check warrant**:
 - P/R# 31104, 11/04/13, \$7,665.75
 - c. There were no **overweight permits** to review.
 - d. **Public Comment**: None
5. Old Business:
 - a. Health Plan Update: S. Pilcher spoke with a Vermont Health Connect navigator who can visit Monkton from 2:00 - 6:00 PM on Monday, 11/25. The first two hours will be time dedicated to town employees. Thereafter, the navigator will be available to visit with citizens. A sign-up sheet will be created. S. Pilcher suggested advertising on FPF & Facebook via Town Clerk Sharon Gomez. The navigator can bring other support personnel, if enough people in town are interested. The other piece to discuss: employee sign up for an HRA. Which option and amount? Health Equity will administer the plan in conjunction with BCBS. The SB discussed various details, including deductibles, maximum out-of-pocket expense, and premiums. S. Pilcher will circulate costs and policy terms. R. Parker asked about the health benefits surrounding towns are providing to their employees.
 - b. Parking Ordinance: A. Layn reviewed a draft parking ordinance, a copy of which was circulated to all for review. A. Layn read from a portion of the draft. The document did not modify parking rules, but created an expanded public area

ordinance. The SB reviewed specific content, crafted language, and modified the draft. S. Pilcher thanked A. Layn for her work. A. Layn will continue to make changes, and return at the next regular SB meeting with an updated draft.

New Business:

- a. Open Positions (Delinquent Tax Collector, ANAC, and Tree Warden): S. Pilcher asked about the positions; ANAC is looking for an alternate; Caitlin Cusack has resigned as Tree Warden. The SB was unanimous in its praise for Caitlin Cusack and her excellent work as tree warden and as an ANAC member. The SB expressed appreciation for her service and wished her well. The SB hopes that word of mouth about the open positions will suffice in lieu of placing advertisements at this time. There was no discussion of the DTC position, as Chair J. Phillips needed to depart early.
 - b. Hinsdale Curb Cut Application: S. Pilcher asked for a summary of the project, which R. Parker provided (details included location - @ the end of Bennett Rd – approx 300' away; a 40' of 24" culvert is required). S. Pilcher reiterated the need for SB members to maintain a distance/recuse oneself when a conflict of interest arises. **A. Layn moved to approve the curb cut application for Bennett Rd as submitted by Michael Hinsdale, subject to the satisfaction of the stated conditions; seconded by J. McNerney; R. Parker abstained. Voted and approved.**
 - c. Paving Inquiry: R. Parker asked if all the paving has been completed for this year. There was no immediate answer available. For further discussion.
 - d. Other: S. Pilcher commented favorably on the Waterbury Town Fair, which is held on the first Sunday in March preceding Town Meeting Day. S. Pilcher believes this is a good idea that would work well for Monkton, and the various committees and organizations around town. J. McNerney asked if someone might be considered to organize the event. For further discussion.
6. Other Business: a) A SB report will be required for the town report; further, S. Pilcher solicited feedback from the other members about their 6 months experience as SB members. The SB talked about various concerns, and challenges; b) J. McNerney asked if the SB held an official position about the routing of the ANGP. S. Pilcher commented.
7. Adjournment: **A. Layn moved to adjourn at 8:45 PM; seconded by R. Parker. Voted and approved.**