

**Monkton Select Board Meeting Minutes - Final**  
**November 25, 2013** (approved 12/9/13)  
**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: John McNerney (7:35 PM arrival), Roger Parker, Jr., John Phillips, Stephen Pilcher

SB Members Absent: Anne Layn

Others Present: Stephanie Murray and Bill Joos

3. Announcements: None

4. Regular Business:

- a. **Approve Minutes** of Previous Meetings: The SB reviewed the regular meeting minutes of October 14<sup>th</sup>. Additional detail was provided for item 5c. **S. Pilcher moved to approve the 10/14 minutes as amended; seconded by R. Parker. Voted and approved.** The SB reviewed the regular meeting minutes of October 28<sup>th</sup>. The content of item 4a. was deleted. **J. McNerney moved to approve the 10/28 minutes as amended; seconded by R. Parker. Voted and approved.** Lastly, the SB reviewed the regular meeting minutes of November 11<sup>th</sup>; **S. Pilcher moved to approve the minutes as written; seconded by R. Parker. Voted and approved.**

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

- A/P# 31113, 11/13/13, \$40,177.48
- P/R# 31118, 11/18/13, \$ 8,066.90

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

- d. **Public Comment**: None

5. Old Business:

- a. Employee Health Plan Update: S. Pilcher circulated a spreadsheet comparing 2013 to 2014 health care plans. S. Pilcher reviewed each line item in detail. The discussion focused on maximum out-of-pocket expense. The SB evaluated the terms of the different plans, and considered impacts from one plan to another of changes being considered. With discussion concluded, **J. McNerney moved to fund the town's 2014 HRA plan contribution at \$1,500 per employee; the motion was seconded by R. Parker. Voted and approved 2-1 (with S. Pilcher voting against the motion).**

- b. Pending Legal Matters (Gould/Norris/Preston) – Status Update: The SB discussed the cases briefly; it was noted that the Prestons appealed directly to the Superior Court, bypassing the Board of Civil Authority; a difference of opinion exists about

the value of their barn. In the Gould matter, another court date is scheduled in December. As for the Norris case, oral arguments have been made to the Supreme Court, but no decision has been published. Also, S. Pilcher commented on the Brisson Stone case.

- c. Appointment of Delinquent Tax Collector (DTC): The SB expressed its appreciation to Rod Burritt for his many years of service as DTC. Given R. Burritt's recent resignation, **S. Pilcher nominated/made a motion to name William C. Joos as the interim delinquent tax collector through Town Meeting Day 2014 (March 4, 2014); R. Parker seconded the motion.** R. Parker asked about DTC compensation, which requires a vote of Monkton citizens to change. J. Phillips believes the SB can divvy up the penalty fee, however. **Voted and approved.** The issue of DTC compensation will be discussed further by the SB and considered when the 2014 budget is prepared. The SB will decide whether the issue will be brought before voters in March 2014.
- d. 2014 Budget Timetable: J. Phillips mentioned the list of budgets/social service agencies being maintained; J. Phillips will call agencies who have yet to send funding requests; the SB will decide at its 12/9 regular meeting if any agencies need to be contacted directly. S. Pilcher recommended that draft budgets be sent out to the SB on Friday 12/6, for study that weekend.
- e. PACE Program: J. Phillips commented on the distribution of documents, which he will resend to SB members. The SB needs to make a decision about the program.

6. New Business:

- a. Curb Cut Application – William Porter: J. Phillips shared details about the application; S. Pilcher will review the request, since he knows the area well.
- b. VT Road and Bridge Restriction Form: J. Phillips will review the form, as occurs annually, with Road Commissioner Wayne Preston.
- c. Addison County Economic Development Corp. (ACEDC) [meeting request with SB]: The SB discussed briefly what value the ACEDC would bring to town, especially versus resources that already exist. The SB is disinclined to act this year, for lack of budget flexibility. The SB will ask the ACEDA to resubmit a request in 2014.
- d. Addison County Budget – Meeting Notice: J. Phillips shared the details of this annual meeting, should any SB members wish to attend.
- e. Neighborhoodworks of Western VT: This is a non-profit organization providing various services, including home buyer education and financial planning. The information has been posted on the town's website, and will likewise be forwarded to Town Service Officer Bailee Layn-Gordon.
- f. Review Openings for Elective and Appointed Positions: J. Phillip asked J. McNerney if he has been keeping a listing of open positions ("no"); S. Gomez has

been maintaining a list, which J. Phillips will ask S. Gomez to circulate. S. Phillips asked members to review the list closely. For further discussion.

- g. S. Murray visited the SB on behalf of the Recreation Committee to recommend that town resident Ed Cook be considered for addition to the Recreation Committee to complete the term of Bob Whalen, who has resigned and relocated out-of-state. There was a very brief discussion. **S. Pilcher moved to appoint Ed Cook to serve the remaining term of Bob Whalen on the Recreation Committee (March, 2016 expiration date); R. Parker seconded the motion. Voted and approved.**
7. Other Business: a) S. Pilcher commented on the budget status report. b) The parking ordinance will be discussed further at the next regular SB meeting (given A. Layn's absence tonight. c) J. Phillips announced that he is resigning as Chairman of the SB, effective with the close of tonight's meeting; S. Pilcher will assume the role of Chair until a quorum is present to vote on a new Chair.
8. Adjournment: **S. Pilcher moved to adjourn at 8:34 PM; seconded by J. McNerney. Voted and approved.**

Minutes submitted by Bill Joos

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