

MONKTON SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
MONKTON TOWN HALL
Monday November 10, 2014
(Approved Nov. 24, 2014)

- 1) CALL TO ORDER: S Pilcher called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.
- 2) Select Board Members Present: Henry Boisse, John McNerney, Stephen Pilcher
- 3) ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - a. The Gould v. Monkton case was dismissed in Addison County Superior Court.
- 4) Regular Business
 - a. Approve Minutes: H. Boisse moved to approve the 10/06/14 meeting minutes as written. Corrections were made. J. McNerney seconded this motion. Voted and passed.
 - b. H. Boisse moved to approve the 10/26/14 meeting minutes as written. Corrections were made. J. McNerney seconded this motion. Voted and Passed.
 - c. Check Warrants: The Select Board reviewed and approved the following check warrantes:
 - A/P#41110 \$38,951.33
 - A/P#41029 \$119,268.26
 - P/R#41103 \$8,767.24
 - d. Review and Approve Overweight Permits, ETC:
 - There were no overweight permits.
 - e. The Select board received an email from Edward and Carol Wageman. They have been working with Vermont Gas to come up with agreement on easements. There seemed to be progress, and they have now received offer of mediation and eminent domain proceedings. Several Select Board members expressed dismay that the proposal to move to mediation and the threat of eminent domain was issued on a parcel for which productive negotiations were ongoing.
- 5) NEW BUSINESS:
 - a. The Select Board had no new business to discuss.
- 6) OLD BUSINESS:
 - a. ACO NOTICE OF VIOLATION PROCESS: The Select Board received a letter from Addison County Court regarding citations that had been submitted. The citations were returned and deemed insufficient. The Select Board reviewed the ACO Violation Process, corrections were made.
 - b. 2015 EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFITS: The Select Board discussed the health benefits. The town will cover up to 97% of a referenced health insurance plan.

The Life Insurance policy was also discussed. S. Pilcher will be requesting a quote for a \$10,000.00 life insurance policy.

- c. 2015 BUDGET: The Select Board reviewed parts of the 2015 Budget.
 - d. PARK AND RIDE STATUS: The Select Board has received a new design of the Park and Ride from Land Works. The bus enters through church and would exit on town hall property. Advantage is that buses do not need to turn around inside the parking lot (a space/safety issue as well as an ACTR concern). The church would lose parking spots to accommodate this but would gain access to this park and ride. J. McNerney also suggested this might be a good time to formalize the informal agreement with the church to provide an alternate septic site. School busses might use this location, and ACTR. Lighting issues have not yet been resolved, and is still in progress. The proposed height is 15 feet high 3 lights. Any lighting will have to conform to the Dark Skies policy. Does not have to be 24 hour lighting as this is a municipal park and ride.
 - e. TAX SALE STATUS: a list of the standing delinquent taxes have been provided to the board members. English Carroll, and Boe receives hourly rate and 15% of actual tax sale.
 - f. NATURE CONSERVANCY RE: SWAMP LOTS: The Board has received no recommendation from ANAC as of yet. J. McNerney wants to know if there will be any consequences if they are to accept these lots. H. Boisse thinks the town should take these gifts of the two swamp lots for the sake of preserving land and wildlife. There is no interest in paying \$6,000.00 in fees, but S. Pilcher is still waiting to hear back from ANAC before any decisions are made.
 - g. PLANNING / DRB FUND: S. Pilcher brought the research for the Select Board members to review if interested.
 - h. ACO - NICHOLS ROAD STATUS: S. Pilcher heard from ACO who has reviewed the fence and felt that it was acceptable. The fence is set below ground to prevent digging, and also has an underground electric fence. Citations have been issued.
- 7) OTHER BUSINESS:
- a. The next meeting will be held on 11/24/2014 at 7:00pm
- 8) ADJOURNMENT
- a. J. McEnerney moved to Adjourn at 9:00pm, H. Boisse Seconded. Voted and passed.