

MONKTON SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
MONKTON TOWN HALL
November 24, 2014
(Approved 12/8/14)

- 1) S. Pilcher called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
- 2) Select Board Members present: Stephen Pilcher, Henry Boisse, John McNerney, Roger Parker, Ann Layn.

Others In Attendance: Thea Gaudette

3) **Announcements**

- a) S. Pilcher alerted Selectboard members to a meeting to discuss the Addison County budget on December 18,2014 at 9:00 am to be held at the Judge Frank Mahady Courthouse in Middlebury.
- b) Addison Solid Waste Management District has approved a new budget and the cost of single stream recyclables from Commercial Haulers has gone from \$10 to \$25 a ton.
- c) Some of the stolen items on Pond Road and ABCD lane have been recovered.

4) **Regular Business**

- a. **Minutes:** The Select Board reviewed the minutes from November 10, 2014. **J. McNerney moved to approve the minutes as submitted, H. Boisse seconded.** Voted and passed, 3-0-2. A. Layn and R. Parker abstained.
- b. Check Warrants:
 - P/R #41117, 11/17/2014, \$9,962.73
- c. Overweight permits:
 - There were no overweight permits to approve.

5) **Old Business**

- a. Resolution Regarding Tax Sale:

The following resolution was considered.

RESOLVED, that the Selectboard approve retaining the firm of English, Carroll, Boe, PC, on an hourly basis, said fees to be assess against the delinquent taxpayers in an amount not to exceed 15% of the delinquent taxes.

Motion was moved by J. McNerney, seconded by H.Boisse. **Voted and passed 5-0-0.** The following resolution was then considered.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Delinquent Tax Collector, or his appointed Representative, be authorized to bid at the tax sales in an amount equal to all delinquent taxes, interest, penalties and fees owed at the time of sale as allowed by law.

H. Boisse moved, A. Layn seconded. Vote and passed 5-0-0

The attorneys have begun title work and the tax sale date is set for February 12, 2015. S. Pilcher suggested that **H. Boisse be appointed as the representative for the Selectboard, and be authorized to bid at tax sale. A. Layn moved, J. McNerney seconded. Motion passed with vote 5-0-0.**

- b. Green Mountain Getaway MS Bike Ride: The National Multiple Sclerosis Society has asked town of Monkton to use some of its streets August 1, 2015 and August 2, 2015 for their fund-raiser bike ride. Roads will not be closed during the event. **J. McNerney moved to approve, A. Layn Seconded. Voted and passed, 5-0-0.**

- c. Consulting Contract with ACRPC Regarding View Shed Study: Thea Gaudette represented the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission presented to the Selectboard a contract with Addison County Regional Planning to conduct a viewshed study. The amount of the contract is \$12,000.00 and will be paid out of the DRB/Planning Fund. Regional planning is ready to start on this, and site work would start in early spring. **The Select Board moved to approve the contract with the ACRPC to conduct a view shed study. H. Boisse moved to approve, A. Layn seconded. Vote and passed 5-0-0.**

- d. Town Meeting Notice Preliminary: S. Pilcher provided a Rough draft of the Town Warning for Town Meeting. Articles that the Select Board might consider writing were discussed including building of the Park and Ride and moving the date and time of Town Meeting.

- e. ACO Notice Of Violation process: The Select board continues reviewing the ACO notice of violation process. H. Boisse suggested asking Wayne Marcell come and provide some training to the current ACO, and answer questions regarding the notice of violation process. Some noticeable problems are that the town has a Constable and ACO that have no law enforcement training. J. McNerney suggested having ACO use the draft procedure so he has something to work from until the procedure is finalized.

- f. 2015 Employee Health Benefits: Bill Joos contacted the life insurance company regarding a \$10,000.00 policy. There has not yet been a response to this request. S. Pilcher would like to move on with the process. The Select Board will ask Wayne to attend the next Select Board meeting to present his budget, and the board can present to him the proposed health insurance information.

- g. Swamp Lots
No further action taken.

h. Budget Continued:

The Selectboard briefly discussed the Planning Commission budget with Thea Gaudette. The Selectboard decided that it would ask the Planning Commission Chair to attend the next meeting to get further clarification and detail on the Planning Commission request. The Select Board discussed the Developmental Review Board budget request was reviewed by the select board. **H Boise Moved to accept the DRB budget, J McNerney seconded this motion. Voted and passed 5-0-0.**

The Select Board discussed their budget. The Auditors have requested more money and, after some discussion, the Selectboard decided to have Janet Casserino attend the next meeting. The need for an assistant treasurer was discussed. S. Pilcher will ask Bill Ellis what can be done to decrease the legal expenses for Vermont Gas.

6) **Other Business:**

Next meeting: The next meeting is to be held on December 8, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

7) **Adjournment:**

A. Layn moved to adjourn at 9:07pm, H. Boisse seconded. Voted and passed 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted by Miranda Boe

Edited by Stephen Pilcher