

**MONKTON SELECTBOARD MEETING  
MONKTON TOWN HALL**

**MINUTES**

**DATE: Monday December 15, 2014**

(Approved Jan 12, 2015)

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** S. Pilcher call the meeting to order at 7:05pm.
  
- 2) **ATTENDANCE:**
  - a. **SELECTBOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Henry Boisse, Roger Parker, Ann Layn, Stephen Pilcher.
  
  - b. **SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** John McNerney.
  
  - c. **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Janet Cassarino and Liz Pecor.
  
- 3) **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
  - a. **VERMONT ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE LEGISLATIVE LUNCHEON – 1/13/15:** The Selectboard received an invitation to attend the legislative luncheon.
  
  - b. **SURVEY FROM TOWN OF DORSET:** The Town of Monkton received extensive survey. A. Layn took this survey to review and complete.
  
  - c. **LETTER FROM COMCAST:** This letter contained information regarding rates and the option to purchase inexpensive computers for low income families.
  
  - d. H. Boisse called Dave Sharp to let them know that the State Police has not been holding the Community Advisory meetings. He also contacted the State Police directly, and found that there have been 2 meetings scheduled in 2014, and both scheduled meetings have been cancelled due to “lack of interest”. For future meetings, the Selectboard will be notified of the meeting date and time and will be responsible to provide a headcount for attendance. H. Boisse has also mentioned putting together a neighborhood watch, but it was indicated that there are no state troopers who are trained in this area. H. Boisse will report back to Dave Sharp regarding this issue.

4) **REGULAR BUSINESS:**

- a. APPROVE MINUTES: **H Boisse moved to approve the 12-08-14 minutes as recorded. A. Layn seconded this motion. A Layn made the motion to approve the amendments. H Boisse seconded. Vote and passed as amended, 3-0-1. R. Parker abstained.**
- b. REVIEW AND APPROVE CHECK WARRANTS:
  - A/P 12/08/2014 #41208 \$ 31,566.49
  - P/R 12/15/2014 #41215 \$ 9,852.70
  - A/P 12/15/2014 #41215 \$ 400,856.35
- c. REVIEW AND APPROVE OVERWEIGHT PERMITS, ETC.:
  - There were no overweight permits to approve.
- d. PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

5) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. GREEN UP DAY COORDINATOR APPOINTMENT: **H Boisse moved to appoint Janet Kimball as the 2015 Green Up Day Coordinator. A Layn seconded. Voted and passed, 4-0-0.**
- b. REVIEW ELECTED POSITIONS FOR 2015 TOWN MEETING: S. Pilcher would like to publish this list of elected positions as soon as possible since January 22, 2015 is the deadline for petitions. This list will be posted on the Monkton website and potentially Front Porch Forum.

6) **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. 2015 BUDGET:
  - AUDITOR BUDGET: S. Pilcher requested the Auditors Janet Cassarino and Liz Pecor discussed the Auditors budget. They are seeking an increase in their budget because they have to spend more time here. In the past, the Auditors have gone from meeting 1 time a month to a minimum of 2 times a month. The Auditors not only have to review the town paperwork, but also have to review the school budget information. **H. Boisse moved to approve the Auditor's budget, A. Layn seconded. Voted and passed with vote 4-0-0.**

- **TOWN CLERK BUDGET:** The Selectboard reviewed the Town Clerk Budget. Some of the town clerk fees are down this year. S. Pilcher believes it would be worth talking to the Town Clerk and will discuss the option of making the position salaried, and move away from the fees as income. H. Boisse feels that it works in the town's favor to have the Town Clerk collect fees as it is an incentive to be sure the fees are collected.
- **ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER:** The Selectboard briefly discussed the possibility of an Assistant Town Treasurer position. A. Layn wanted to know if this would be an elected position, or an appointed position, it was determined this position is elected. On average, this position would be approximately 6 to 7 hours a week.
- **SELECTBOARD BUDGET:** The Selectboard reviewed the proposed Selectboard budget.
- **MARY JOHNSON PROGRAM:** The Selectboard reviewed the \$500 request to fund the Mary Johnson after school program. A. Layn has requested to speak with Ann Gleason to determine if this funding is for supplies of grants for families who cannot afford the program. S. Pilcher will reach out to Addison County Economic Development also.
- **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EXPENSES:** Wayne Preston previously asked for 3% for the Highway Department employees. The Selectboard discussed different figures to determine what would be the most reasonable increase.

**R. Parker moved to approve a 2% pay increase to the Highway Department employees, plus \$10,000 life insurance policy to go in to effect after town meeting day. H. Boisse seconded this motion. Voted and passed, with vote 4-0-0.**

- **EQUIPMENT BUDGET:** R. Parker suggested having equipment leased instead of renting equipment. This would allow the town to have constant access to this equipment and eliminate the need to return and rent again when needed.
- S. Pilcher will provide the Selectboard members with updated numbers.

## 7) **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- a. The next meeting has been scheduled for December 29, 2014 at 7:00pm.

**b. STILLSON RD: H. Boisse moved to officially change the name  
Stillson Rd Stillson LN. A. Layn seconded. Voted and passed 4-0-0.**

**8) ADJOURNMENT:**

**H. Boisse moved to adjourn at 9:06pm, R. Parker seconded. Voted and  
passed 4-0-0.**