

**MONKTON SELECTBOARD MEETING
MONKTON TOWN HALL
MINUTES**

DATE: Monday December 29, 2014

(Approved Jan 12, 2015)

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** S. Pilcher called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.
- 2) **ATTENDANCE:** Stephen Pilcher, Henry Boisse, Ann Layn, Roger Parker, John McNerney.
- 3) **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 - a. **LETTER FROM VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF TAXES:** Coefficient of dispersion in our appraisals is 20.01%. The common level of appraisal is currently 85.63%.
- 4) **REGULAR BUSINESS:**
 - a. **APPROVE MINUTES:** The Selectboard did not review the minutes from December 15, 2014.
 - b. **REVIEW AND APPROVE CHECK WARRANTS:**
 - A/P 41223 12/23/2014 \$82,965.97
 - P/R 41229 12/29/2014 \$10,251.08
 - c. **REVIEW AND APPROVE OVERWEIGHT PERMITS, ETC.:** There were no overweight permits to approve.
- 5) **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. The Selectboard had no new business to discuss.
- 6) **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a. **2015 BUDGET:**
 - The Selectboard continued reviewing the 2015 budget.
 - **Bristol Rec Funding Request:** The Bristol Rec. Dept. again requested \$2500 in funding. They stated that Monkton has not increased funding from its present \$1,500.00 level in seven years,

and Monkton residents make up 36% of the attendance. A. Layn would like to see actual numbers of attending Monkton children/teens before a decision is made. John McNerney will reach out to Darla Senecal from the Bristol Recreational Department to obtain figures to help in making a decision as to whether or not Monkton will increase funding.

- **Wildlife Crossing:** Anne Layn noted that Wildlife Crossing expenses needed to be tracked just like any other grant to make sure the Town was reimbursed for all expenses.
- **Mary Johnson Center:** A. Layn received a response including information regarding the monetary requests for the Mary Johnson after school program. The \$500.00 funding would primarily aid in paying for bus transportation to transport children in the after school program on field trips. A. Layn feels this should be supported and it is a valuable resource. **H. Boisse moved to approve the \$500 funding request for the Mary Johnson Center, R. Parker seconded. Voted and passed, 5-0-0.**
- **Monkton Volunteer Fire Department Building Addition:** David Layn from the Volunteer Fire Department is seeking approximately \$85,000.00 for an addition. It would come to roughly \$20,000 a year over 5 years for debt financing, if we did a 5 year bank loan. R. Parker indicated he may donate the site prep work. S. Pilcher suggested the MVFD hold an informational meeting prior to town meeting. S. Pilcher asked for Dave to write an article with actual figures before January 12, 2015. R. Parker and D. Layn will meet to go over plans.

7) **OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. **Monkton Energy Committee:** Ben Raphael has attended one meeting of the Monkton Energy Committee. He is interested in being to the Committee. **H. Boisse moved to appoint to the open term starting in March 2016. R. Parker seconded. Voted and Passed 5-0-0.**
- b. **Russell Memorial Library Board:** Jane Lowe submitted an email from the SB requesting that she be appointed to the Russell Memorial Library Board for the remainder of the term as Peter Sutherland has stepped down. **H Boisse moved to appoint Jane Lowe for the remainder of the term which ends in March 2016. A. Layn Seconded. Voted and passed, 5-0-0.**

- c. **Planning Commission, Complete Streets Study:** The Planning Commission submitted a letter detailing several recommendations for traffic calming in the Boro and Ridge areas. Estimates of costs were supplied by Land Works. H. Boisse and R. Parker feel that adding white lines to the road is not beneficial and might be just the beginning to more expensive changes. J. McNerney suggested that painting lines was an inexpensive experiment in traffic calming, compared to some other measures. R. Parker would like some clarification on the pricing. The Selectboard will forward the letter to Wayne Preston and ask for his cost estimates for items 1, 2, and 3, with the intent of proceeding with them if the total does not to exceed \$1,000.00.
- d. **Community Survey From Dorset:** A. Layn completed the survey and shared the results with the Selectboard before returning.
- e. **Next Select Board Meeting:** The next meeting will be held January 12, 2015 @ 7:00.

8) **ADJOURNMENT**

- a. **J. McNerney moved to adjourn at: 8:19pm. H. Boisse seconded. Motion carried vote 5-0-0.**