

**MONKTON SELECTBOARD MEETING
MONKTON TOWN HALL
MINUTES**

DATE: Monday January 26, 2015

(Approved 02/09/15)

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** Stephen Pilcher called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.
- 2) **ATTENDANCE:**
 - a. **SELECTBOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Ann Layn, Henry Boisse, Roger Parker, John McNerney, and Stephen Pilcher.
 - b. **SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** There were no Selectboard members absent.
 - c. **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Lee Mahoney, and Ivor Hughes.
- 3) **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** There were no announcements.
- 4) **REGULAR BUSINESS:**
 - a. **APPROVE MINUTES:** The Selectboard did not review the minutes from January 12, 2015.
 - b. **REVIEW AND APPROVE CHECK WARRANTS:**
 - A/P #41231 12/31/14 \$ 46,520.40
 - P/R #50126 01/26/15 \$ 9,739.98
 - c. **REVIEW AND APPROVE OVERWEIGHT PERMITS, ETC.:** There were no overweight permits to approve.
 - d. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Ivor Hughes discussed with the Selectboard an article from the Rutland Herald. Rutland County was circulating a petition regarding solar power. There had been some information on this subject sent out to all Selectboards and S. Pilcher indicated that this subject had not yet been discussed or reviewed by the Monkton Selectboard.
- 5) **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. **CERTIFICATE OF HIGHWAY MILEAGE:** **J. McNerney moved to approve the Certificate of Highway Mileage for the year of 2015. H. Boisse seconded this motion. Voted and passed 5-0-0.**
 - b. **PLANNING COMMISSION RE: SIGNS:** Lee Mahoney from the Planning Commission presented to the board the research regarding signs for the Town of

Monkton. Landworks suggested \$2500.00 per sign, and in comparing prices the average was \$300.00 per sign – not including other materials and installation. The Planning Commission is interested in getting a total of 4 signs for the town. R. Parker wanted to know what the purpose was for getting these signs. This was a recommendation by the Complete Streets study, and is also a technique used in “calming” or slowing traffic.

This is being considered as an Eagle Scout Project where the scout members would figure how to build and install these signs. There was some discussion regarding independent fundraising versus Town funding, and who would be responsible for maintenance in circumstances of vandalism and general maintenance. There is concern about placement and disapproval from landowners having these signs on their property.

It was suggested that the Eagle Scouts figure the costs and plan the construction and installation of these signs, and once this is completed return to the Selectboard for approval of building specifications. A. Layn suggested that if this were to be a project for the Scouts, it would be expected that they fundraise for the costs of the signs, and it would not be a cost incurred by the Town. Concern was expressed that the Scouts should not have to put time and effort in to researching this project if it is something that the Selectboard is not interested in, or cannot approve. R. Parker encouraged that one of the first steps is to get approval from the landowners where these signs would be placed. J. McNerney expressed support for the town buying the signs themselves, but leave other materials and installation to private fundraising.

6) **OLD BUSINESS:**

a. **TOWN WARNING AND ARTICLES:**

- J. McNerney presented the information he obtained from his research for the Bristol Parks and Recreation Department request. Monkton makes up 1/3rd of attendance by outlying towns, but only contributes 1/6th of the funding provided by outlying towns. **R. Parker moved to approve \$2,000.00 Bristol Rec. funding request, H. Boisse seconded this motion. Voted and passed. 5-0-0.**
- H. Boisse moved to keep the budget for Bristol Rescue Squad at \$3,700.00. A. Layn would like to increase the budget to \$4,000.000. **J. McNerney moved to set funding for the Bristol Rescue Squad at \$4,000.00. A. Layn seconded this motion. Voted and passed, 5-0-0.** It was agreed that Bristol Rescue Squad will be notified that future requests for funding should include more detail – including numbers on how Monkton is served.
- All Social Services requests for which we have not yet received written requests have been level funded.

- ARTICLE 8: R. Parker had talked with Wayne Preston to get more information regarding the details and specifics of the new truck for the Highway Department. J. McNerney asked if the stainless steel body and plow could be transferred over to new truck to save money. **R. Boisse moved to set the amount for the new truck to not exceed \$80,000.00. R. Parker seconded this motion. Voted and passed, 5-0-0.**
- **H. Boisse moved to approve the Articles as amended with a copy to be available for signatures by the Selectboard January 27, 2015. A. Layn seconded, Voted and passed 5-0-0.**

7) **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- a. DIVERSION: The Selectboard reviewed a letter received from Court Diversion regarding restitution from the damage done to the Cemetary. There was no action needed by the Selectboard.
- b. EXCAVATOR LEASE PRICING: The Selectboard reviewed information regarding lease pricing for an excavator for the town. This would be a 7 year lease with a \$1.00 buyout. There is also the option if the machinery is leased that the Town of Monkton could rent to other towns. There was discussion that if this machinery was leased, it is necessary to have proper storage. Overall it seems to be more cost effective to lease the excavator versus renting as needed.
- c. DELINQUENT TAX LISTINGS: There was question about whether or not names should be listed with the delinquent taxes for the Town Report. Currently these are listed as a parcel ID number because there was concern for privacy. However, this is publically available information, and was listed as names in previous Town Reports. The decision was made to continue with our current practice for this year.
- d. DETERMINE TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on February 9, 2015 at 7:00pm.

8) **ADJOURNMENT:**

J. McNerney moved to adjourn at 8:37PM, H. Boisse seconded this motion. Voted and passed 5-0-0.

Minutes submitted by Miranda Boe

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