

**Monkton Selectboard Meeting**  
**Monkton Town Hall**  
**Date: April 13, 2015 (Approved 4/27/15)**

1. Call to Order: Stephen Pilcher called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2. Attendance:

Selectboard members in attendance: Roger Parker, Ann Layn, Henry Boisse, Stephen Pilcher, and John McNerney (arrived late).

Others in Attendance: Nate Palmer, Jane Palmer, David Layn, Mike New, Robin Hopps, Allen Karnatz, Greg Cota, Melanie Peyser, Ivor Hughes.

3. Announcements:

- a. A meeting of emergency services personnel was held to review the Monkton Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP). Several changes to the LEOP were made as a result and suggestions received.
- b. Vermont Gas has started eminent domain proceeding against two Monkton residents.

4. Regular Business:

- a. Approve Minutes: Minutes: **J. McNerney moved to approve 3-9 minutes as written, A. Layn seconded. Voted and passed 3-0-2. H.Boisse and R. Parker abstained.**

**H. Boisse Moved to approve 3-23 minutes as written, J. McNerney seconded. Voted and passed 3-0-2. R. Parker and A. Layn abstained.**

Annual 3-3-15 Town Meeting Minutes: Amendments were made to these minutes. **J. McNerney moved to approve minutes as amended. A. Layn seconded. Voted and passed 5-0-0.**

b. Review and Approve Check Warrants:

- A/P 04/09/15 50409 \$14,938.40
- P/R 04/06/15 50406 \$ 7,599.43
- P/R 02/09/15 50209 \$10,935.27
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c. Review and Approve Overweight Permits, etc.

- L. R. Provencher Earthworks, Inc.
- Gary Moulton
- David M. Newton, Inc.
- Ronnie Wells

- Richmond Home Supply, Inc.
- Onsite Septic Solutions, LLC
- Steve Messenger
- Darryl L. Hayden
- Poulin Grain Inc.
- Lewis Excavating, LLC
- Harrison Concrete Const., Inc.
- Harrison Redi-Mix Corp.
- Gauthier Trucking Co, Inc
- Curtis Lumber Company, Inc.
- Douglas Cole dba Cole Trucking
- Clark-Wright Septic Service
- Canopy Timber Alternatives, Inc.

d. Public Comment: No public comment.

5. New Business:

- a. **Animal Control:** Concerns about Raymond/Auclair rabies not being up to date. The Animal Control Officer has reached out to the dog owners. There has been one dog bite on Mountain Road, as well as stray dogs.
- b. **Monkton Volunteer Fire Department:** Representatives of the MVFD came to the Selectboard to discuss how to bid the Fire House addition approved by the Town at Town Meeting. It was agreed that MVFD would generate an advertisement for a design/build bid that would include a mandatory site visit. Advertisement will run in the Addison Independent and Works in Progress.
- c. **Vermont Gas:** There was discussion regarding Phase I at ACRP and are awaiting a response to discovery request. VT Gas is going ahead with eminent domain proceedings against two residents who have not responded at all to attempts to contact them. M. Peyser read a letter from M. Martin (one of the residents subject to eminent domain). VT Gas called his mother in attempt to contact him, then tried to discuss the issue with his mother. Members of the audience asked if the town would be taking action to enforce the MOU's clause regarding eminent domain only as a last resort. Town is filing discovery questions. M. Peyser asked will the Selectboard raise the safety concerns (cold climate issues, frost line issues) to the PSB. A draft letter expressing these concerns will be presented at the next Select Board meeting for consideration. May 6, 2015 is the pre-file testimony deadline.
- d. **Health Officer:** Trash burning- call was received that a neighbor was burning trash in the stove in the garage and in the house. This is causing headaches and has raised a health concern. A video was received a video from neighbor and it is been done in short spurts. This has to be caught in the act. The Environmental Enforcement Officer ( EEO ) has approached this person

multiple times. Can this person be ticketed for burning household trash? The Selectboard indicated that they would have to approach the Sherriff to issue a ticket. H. Boisse suggested setting up a portable air monitoring system to check the quality of the air. Health officer report on problem with a rental property on Pond Rd. Progress made, but some issues remaining. H.Boisse expressed concern about having a bypass for water being pulled directly from the lake and not go through treatment. It was suggested that bypass might be necessary for emergency conditions.

- e. The Selectboard discussed a residence that has a large accumulation of trash in the yard. H. Boisse feels that this is an attractive nuisance. A. Layn suggested maybe having a community service type clean up since the resident has health issues. S. Pilcher offered to call this person and/or track down who can be contacted regarding this issue.
- f. **ANAC Request:** Karnatz, Conant: Conservation of land – Cota Farm. There were maps provided to Selectboard. ANAC met with Planning Commission, one concern is that there is a piece of the property in the 1 acre village residential zone. Conserving this would prohibit development in this part of the village zoning district. There is an interest to preserve the land, prevent building, etc. It's all developable land but he would like it to remain agricultural land. A discussion ensued about possibly excluding some land. The Planning Commission feels that the land should be kept a working farm. S. Pilcher noted that some of the land under consideration is part of the Monkton village district in the Town Plan. R. Parker is concerned that lack of developmental areas causes tax increases for others but overall feels that a landowner should be able to do what he wants. **A. Layn moved that the town approve the request to use \$500.00 from the Agricultural and Natural Areas Fund toward conservation appraisal expenses. H. Boisse seconded. Voted and passed 5-0-0.**
- g. **Deutsch Curbcut:** R. Parker with Wayne Preston, have completed a site visit, and a swale should be added. **H. Boisse Motion to approve Deutsch curb cut with the condition that a swale is to be added and a 15" culvert., J. McNerney seconded. Voted and passed 5-0-0**
- h. Review Monthly Budget Report: Should be available at next meeting

6. Old Business:

- a. Appointments: None made (due to full agenda)
- b. Park and Ride: Have a meeting to discuss proposed location of park and ride, which would be the lower parking lot of the Monkton Central School. It was decided that an informational meeting.community discussion be held starting at 6:00 p.m. prior to the start of the next Selectboard meeting on April 27.

- c. Ridge Lot: The town has a responsibility to clean up this piece of property. The Selectboard discussed mowing part of the lot this year.

7. Other Business:

- a. R. Parker briefly discussed some pricing options for a new truck.
- b. Emergency Operations Plan: This plan was reviewed at the recent emergency management meeting. This information has been updated and S. Pilcher is asking the Selectboard if they are happy to adopt this plan. **A. Layn Moved to adopt the revised local emergency operations plan. H. Boisse seconded. Voted and passed 5-0-0.**
- c. S. Pilcher will ask Ken Wheeling (ZA) to attend the next Selectboard meeting to discuss concerns about a person living in a bus.
- d. Next meeting to be held on 4/27/15 @ 7:00 to be preceded by a park and ride informational meeting.

8. Adjournment:

- a. **H. Boisse Moved to adjourn at 9:21pm, A. Layn seconded. Voted and passed 5-0-0.**