

MONKTON SELECTBOARD MEETING  
MINUTES

MONKTON TOWN HALL

DATE: Monday, April 27, 2015

(Approved 6/8/15)

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Stephen Pilcher called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.
  
2. **ATTENDANCE:**
  - a. Selectboard Members Present: Henry Boisse, Anne Layn, and Stephen Pilcher.
  - b. Selectboard Members Absent: Roger Parker, and John McNerney.
  - c. Others in Attendance: Ken Wheeling, Sam Burr, Nancy Goodrich, Brian Barrows.
  
3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
  - a. WILDLIFE CROSSING BIDS: Bids opened at 5:30 p.m. The lowest apparent bidder was S.D. Ireland. The bid information will be reviewed by Lamoureux and Dickenson and recommendation made to the Selectboard.
  
  - b. PARK AND RIDE: There was a Park and Ride discussion held at 6:00pm this evening, and some good ideas were generated by those who attended.
  
4. **REGULAR BUSINESS:**
  - a. APPROVE MINUTES: The Selectboard reviewed the minutes from 4/13/15. Amendments were made to 4(g). Motion for Deutsch curbcut is to include: "a swale to be added and a 15" culvert." **H. Boisse moved to approve as amended. H. Boisse seconded. Voted and passed 3-0-0.**
  
  - b. REVIEW AND APPROVE CHECK WARRANTS:
    - A/P 3/26/2015 50326 \$18,291.76
    - A/P 4/20/2015 50420 \$21,176.74
    - A/P 4/27/2015 50427 \$23,820.86
    - P/R 4/28/2015 50428 \$ 7,153.97
    - P/R 4/20/2015 50420 \$ 9,816.21

c. REVIEW AND APPROVE OVERWEIGHT PERMITS, ETC.

- Masterson Excavation
- Engineers Construction Inc.
- Sherman Jewett
- Delphia Excavating
- Arnold Blair
- Moe DuBois Excavating, INC.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. ZA 1Q REVIEW: Q1 has been audited, take of \$2,323.88. 3 new houses (single family homes), as well as some additions, etc. There is one big subdivision that will create 7 lots that has not yet been finalized.

K. Wheeling has had discussion with the board the following: There is an ongoing problem with someone living in a bus and there is a concern about not having septic/plumbing. He has also received funds for pools and decks that were added where fees have not been paid, they have now been collected.

There was/is someone living in a camper, where K. Wheeling has made contact with the landowner.

H. Boisse mentioned some possible construction in another area where K. Wheeling will investigate.

- b. ANAC RE: ROTAX SWAMP LOTS: Sam Burr is asking the Town to spend out of ANAC fund \$4,500.00 to go to Land Trust as endowment to monitor easements on this property. S. Pilcher asked if the town agrees to conserve the property, how much will the town be foregoing. The land is itself is valued at around \$18,000.00.

**H. Boisse moved to approve \$4,500.00 from ANAC fund to move forward with paying Vermont Land Trust. A. Layn seconded.** Discussion: H. Boisse feels that this will be beneficial to the town. A. Layn inquired about the management plan. **Voted and passed, 3-0-0.**

- c. 4H RE RECYCLING: There was no discussion.

- d. MOWING BIDS: The Selectboard reviewed the received mowing bids. The Selectboard reviewed a bid from Jeremy New from Leicester, and Brian's Lawn Care. **A. Layn moved to approve Brian's Lawn Care to be responsible for mowing. H. Boisse seconded. Voted and passed. 3-0-0.**
- e. REVIEW MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT: no action taken.
- f. ASSISTANT TREASURER: Kathy Nolan has helped in the past, S. Pilcher indicated that it would be 3-4 hours a week; she requested to be paid a stipend versus hourly. In 2013 it was budgeted about \$100/week. H. Boisse would like to have all the members of the Selectboard present for further discussion.
- g. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL – WILDLIFE CROSSING CONTRUSTION OVERSIGHT: S. Pilcher has put request for proposal out.
- h. FIREHOUSE ADDITION: Pre-bid conference scheduled to be held on May 9, 2015. There is concern that this is being held the same time as town-wide yard sale. This will be researched by the MVFD and changed if necessary.

6. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. HEALTH OFFICER STATUS: S. Pilcher has been in contact with a resident. Resident has had health issues and has told S. Pilcher that he is interested in cleaning up to sell, moving in to apartment, but he wants to wait until mid-May. S. Pilcher wants some of this clean up to happen immediately as soon as the weather cooperates. A. Layn suggested looking in to Project Independence. Project Independence will be researched to see if help can be obtained.
- b. PARK AND RIDE: **H. Boisse moved to approach the state to see if the money is transferrable to a different location. A. Layn Seconded. Voted and passed 3-0-0.**
- c. RIDGE LOT: Selectboard asked Brian Barrows (Brian's Lawn Care) to provide a bid for mowing and cleaning up the Ridge Lot and bid to clean up some of the cemeteries.
- d. VERMONT GAS: Selectboard discussed whether to submit pre-file testimony challenging the PSB finding of fact regarding Monkton support of the Phase 1 of the ANGP. Monkton did not support Phase 1 of the pipeline and language was stricken from the

MOU regarding support. If CPG is re-opened, this topic can be revisited at a later time. Lawyer will be notified that pre-file testimony will not be done.

- e. APPOINTMENTS: The Selectboard briefly discussed appointments:
  - Paul Whalen was contacted and will visit the DRB in the near future.
  - Conservation Commission does not have a quorum at this time.

7. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- a. Date and time of next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 11, 2015 at 7:00pm.
- b. ACSWMD grants: Approved and roll-off has been ordered.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:**

**H. Boisse moved to adjourn at 8:36pm, A. Layn seconded. Voted and passed, 3-0-0.**