

MONKTON SELECTBOARD MEETING
MONKTON TOWN HALL

Minutes

DATE: Monday May 11, 2015

(Approved 6/8/15)

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** Stephen called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.
- 2) **ATTENDANCE:**
SELECTBOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Henry Boisse, Stephen Pilcher, and Roger Parker.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Maren Vasatka, Jane Palmer, Nate Palmer, and Liz Pecor.

- 3) **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
 - a. **SUN COMMON / KELIHER PROJECT:** R.J. Adler called to indicate that there is no CPG application as of yet. Sun Common has indicated that they intend to apply for a CPG on this parcel. There have been delays while wetland permits were filed. There is no date set for the filing.
 - b. **VERMONT GAS EMINENT DOMAIN:**
Eminent Domain proceedings have been filed against two Monkton landowners who have made no response to VT Gas' attempts to contact them regarding easements. The PSB has opened two dockets, docket numbers 8479 and 8480, but have stayed any proceedings until the current proceedings on the Vermont Gas remand of the CPG are concluded.
- 4) **REGULAR BUSINESS:**
 - a. **APPROVE MINUTES:** The Selectboard did not approve the April 27, 2015 minutes.
 - b. **REVIEW AND APPROVE CHECK WARRANTS:**
 - P/R # 50504 5/4/15 \$12,056.97
 - c. **REVIEW AND APPROVE OVERWEIGHT PERMITS, ETC.:**
 - Tim L. Paquette
 - Cardinal Logistics Management Corporation
 - Cox Trucking, Inc. – Clement Cox
 - Driscoll Brothers Excavating LLC
 - Dennis W. Casey
 - The A. Johnson Co. LLC
 - Many Excavating, Inc.
 - Cheeseman Ins. Carrier – Shelburne Autoworks Inc DBA S Denton

- Richard James
- R. French & Son, Inc

d. PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

5) **NEW BUSINESS**:

a. ANAC RE: ROTAX SWAMP LOTS:

The Selectboard approved the expenditure of \$4,500 from ANAC but did not explicitly vote to accept ownership of the parcels. **H. Boisse made a motion that it is the intent of the town to take ownership of the parcels when easements are complete. R. Parker seconded. Voted and passed, 3-0-0.**

b. TOUR DE FARMS:

The 2015 Tour de Farms is slated to come through Monkton and ACORN is asking the Selectboard to approve the route and dates.

S. Pilcher called Jonathan Corcoran to get some details on the event. The event would be on Saturday 9/26/15. This would be a 35 mile route where cyclist would be present for roughly a 3 hour period, running from 10:30am to 2:00pm. 300-500 cyclist present with a staggered start over a 2 hour period. The Selectboard asked if written approval is needed or is it more of a courtesy. Jonathan Corcoran indicated that proof of insurance and liability policy has been provided to other towns in the past, safety plan from other towns have been requested. Signage would be provided and posted for both motorist and cyclist. Signs could be posted in advance to notify motorists. This would give Monkton farmers to show their wares.

H. Boisse expressed concern about high traffic areas that perhaps it might be necessary to have traffic control. Selectboard would like to see insurance information and have instructed that traffic control in front of town hall at the 3 way stop sign would be needed.

c. AWARD WILDLIFE CROSSING CONTRACT:

Lamouxeux and Dickenson have reviewed and approved S.D. Irelands bid proposal of \$239,697.50. The Selectboard needs to issue a Notice of Award of Contract and sign the Agreement that was part of the bid proposal. There will be a pre-construction meeting to be sometime in June. R. Parker asked what the purpose was in signing the agreement prior to the pre-construction meeting. It was indicated that this did not need to be signed prior to this meeting.

H. Boisse moved to sign the Notice of Award accepting the bid of \$239,697.50. R. Parker seconded this motion. R. Parker noted the importance of keeping to a schedule and also strongly recommended allowing road closures for the installation of culverts. **Motion carried with vote 3-0-0.**

d. ASSISTANT TREASURER:

Kathy Nolan as agreed to come in and help the Treasurer until he gets caught up. She is a CPA and would like to be paid on a stipend basis.

Liz Pecor spoke on behalf of the auditors are concerned because it is felt that the Treasurer is behind. She suggested that if there was an assistant available this would aid in getting him caught up and back on track. This would potentially be a year round position, one or two days a week. H. Boisse stated that since Bill is the elected treasurer, he should be the one giving direction if this is to happen and reiterated the long standing concern that if something is to happen to the current treasurer, the town does not have someone to perform Bill's job in his absence.

S. Pilcher will contact Kathy Nolan to see if an agreement on fees can be reached.

e. RAVEN RIDGE:

The Nature Conservancy has been fund raising for the proposed parking lot and is \$2,300 short. There was an inquiry whether the Town would be interested in contributing. The ANAC committee discussed it briefly and didn't feel that it fit their criteria. No action was taken by the Selectboard.

f. ILLEGAL DUMPING ON BORO HILL:

The Addison County Sheriff notified the Town of illegal dumping on Boro Hill both at the fire pond pull-off and on the A.J. Johnson land across the street. The A.J. Johnson land is the worst with garbage in the water. A.J. Johnson has been notified. This is a spot where dumping regularly takes place and the Town has suggested putting up a gate. There are approximately 15 bags of garbage in the water.

g. THE NATURE CONSERVANCY RE:CULVERTS:

The Town has received a study from The Nature Conservancy regarding these culverts that contained some recommendations of remediation. S. Pilcher has tried to get in contact and has not yet heard back. No action was taken.

h. HUIZENGA CURB CUT:

David and Robin Huizenga have applied for a curb cut. No action will be taken until the DRB has issued subdivision permit.

6) **OLD BUSINESS:**

a. HEALTH OFFICER STATUS:

Some work has taken place on Bob Matera's land. Some progress has been made, but there is still much more to do. The intention is to continue until the Health Officer has to take action.

b. PARK AND RIDE:

The press release of Park and Ride discussion has been posted on Town website and Facebook. Thea Gaudette has written to Wayne Davis at the State requesting a discussion of changing the location of the grant. Wayne will visit sometime next week to review the proposed new site and try to get the funds moved to the location at the school.

c. RIDGE LOT:

The town is still waiting for a bid from Brian Barrows regarding mowing and some basic landscaping to get the lot cleaned up. S. Pilcher has not yet talked with Brian Barrows.

d. APPOINTMENTS:

Paul Whalen was going to attend several meeting and get back to the Selectboard on where he would like to serve. All current representatives to the ACRPC and TAC have indicated willingness to continue serving. S. Pilcher put forward the following slate: Thea Gaudette and Wendy Sue Harper as Representatives to ACRCP, Steve Pilcher and Charlie Huizenga as alternate, and Thea Gaudette as TAC representative. **H. Boisse moved to approve the current slate. R. Parker seconded. Voted and passed 3-0-0.**

7) OTHER BUSINESS:

a. The Town received information from High Risk Rural Roads program that statistics show there are two high risk roads in Monkton: Bristol Road and Boro Hill Road. They pay for signage and guard rails and try to make the roads safer. A Site Visit will have to be attended. **R. Parker moved to approve S. Pilcher signing, H. Boisse seconded. Voted and passed 3-0-0.**

b. DETERMINE TIME/DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for May 25, 2015 at 7:00pm.

8) ADJOURNMENT

H. Boisse moved to adjourn at 8:47pm R. Parker seconded this motion. Voted and passed 3-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Miranda Boe
Recording Secretary