

MONKTON SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONKTON TOWN HALL

DATE: Monday Sept. 14, 2015

(Approved Sept 28, 2015)

1) **CALL TO ORDER:** Stephen Pilcher called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

2) **ATTENDANCE:**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stephen Pilcher, Ann Layn, and John McNerney

MEMBERS ABSENT: Henry Boisse, Roger Parker

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Melanie Peyser, Ivor Hughes, Peter Close, Lee Mahoney, Will Aldrich, Elizabeth Aldrich

3) **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

a. None

4) **REGULAR BUSINESS: 7:10 – 7:30**

a. **APPROVE MINUTES:** The minutes for the Aug 24 Select Board Meeting were reviewed. Minor changes for typos and clarification were made. **J. McNerney made a motion to approve the August 24, 2015 minutes as amended. A. Layn seconded. Voted and passed 3-0-0**

b. **REVIEW AND APPROVE CHECK WARRANTS:**

•	#50910	09/10/15	\$4,706.25
•	#50908	09/08/15	\$2,142.79
•	#50828	08/28/15	\$13,626.57

c. **REVIEW AND APPROVE OVERWEIGHT PERMITS, ETC.:**

• None

d. **PUBLIC COMMENT** (Guests):

M. Peyser expressed concern that Middlebury College Student and Green Mt Professor had come onto her land without permission to take water samples. She was also concerned that once the sampling was done, the information would become public and available for other purposes. Asked that Planning Commission be made aware of the trespass.

L. Mahoney announced that the Planning Commission is working with ACRPC to do a scenic & landscape view shed study. Info meeting planned for Oct 26 or 27.

5) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. MONKTON SIGN PROJECT: Will Aldrich discussed the “Welcome to Monkton” signs he will be installing in several locations around the town. Locations and installation methods have been discussed with Road Commissioner Wayne Preston. He has received a scout discount on most of the materials to be used. Will requested a contribution to the project of \$400 from the town. (Will will also be doing some additional fund raising). **J. McNerney moved to approve \$400 for the sign project. A. Layn seconded. Motion Approved 3-0-0**
- b. TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE: The final details of the tax anticipation note are not yet available. It was noted that we have bills awaiting payment until the note is finalized, some of which can not wait until our next SB meeting. **J. McNerney moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the documents for the Tax Anticipation Note once they become available. A. Layn seconded the motion. Voted and Approved 3-0-0.**
- c. REVIEW FINANCIAL REPORT: No action taken – review at next meeting.
- d. REVIEW AUGUST BUDGET: The board reviewed the August Budget Report. It was noted that the line item for tracking the Wildlife Crossing does not yet appear on the report.
- e. WAIVER OF HOMESTEAD FILING PENALTIES: **J. McNerney moved to waive the penalty for late filing of Homestead Tax Declarations. A. Layn seconded. Voted and Approved 3-0-0.**
- f. SOLAR PROJECT SCREENING IN ACT 56: It was noted that act 56 allows towns to adopt solar screening requirements within some limitations. It was suggested that Monkton look in to such standards. ACRPC has a committee working on recommendations. Several surrounding towns have already put some work into this, which might be worth Monkton reviewing.
- g. JOCKEY LANE STATUS: (J. McNerney recused himself from board). J. McNerney noted that the unmaintained portion of Jockey Lane has become severely eroded, and is impassable in several places. A culvert is partially collapsed, undersized, and washes out regularly, contributing to the problem. He noted that the state and federal EPAs are cracking down on these types of problems due to their contribution to water quality issues

in our streams and lakes. He noted that there is funding available to help private landowners fix erosion and access problems such as this, but that funding is NOT available if a municipality holds a right of way on the road/trail in question. Since it appears the town is not going to address the problem, McNerney requested that the town throw the road up, so he would be eligible for funding to correct the problems. He stated that he has spoken to all of the residents near his end of Jockey lane but one (who is out of the country). All are in favor of the town throwing up the road. S. Pilcher suggested that McNerney research the procedure required for a town to consider throwing up a road, and report back.

6) OLD BUSINESS:

- a. FIRE STATION ADDITION STATUS: Wastewater permit filed, public safety variance filed, abutting landowners have signed notice of hearing on setback variance to be held on Sept 22. Mosses Alarm Company is putting together a bid for upgraded alarm system required by the new addition.
- b. WILDLIFE CROSSING STATUS: Work is proceeding on the crossing, with traffic down to one lane during construction. Tentative schedule is for the road to be completely closed on Wed. Sept 23 and again on Fri. Sept 25. Official detour will run out Hollow Rd to Rt. 7.
The contract with SD Ireland requires Select Board approval of any subcontractors hired. **A. Layn moved to approve ADA Traffic Control and Lafayette Construction as subcontractors. J. McNerney seconded. Voted and approved 3-0-0.**
- c. HOLLOW RD SITE CLEANUP STATUS: Health Officer to follow up with possible health order.
- d. PARK AND RIDE: Landworks will submit a proposal on lighting for the park & ride.

7) OTHER BUSINESS:

- a. LETTERS TO SELECTBOARD: Discussed letter from Robert Pecor on Davis Rd expressing concerns about water drainage on Davis Rd affecting his house/property. The Town Road Crew did attempt some measures, which Mr Pecor removed. J.McNerney to discuss issue w/ landowner and investigate town's responsibility.

Received a letter from Claire Broughton concerning speeding on Pond Rd. A data logger to record speed of passing cars and determine the extent of the problem is being installed on 9/15. Select Board will review once data are available.

Reviewed a letter from Randy Dewey discussing dangerous intersection on State's Prison Hollow Rd near Monkton General Store. He suggested a stop sign. It was noted that there are several problems with a stop sign here. Long term solution may be to re-align and re-grade this intersection.

- b. DETERMINE TIME/DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next Selectboard meeting will be held on September 28, 2015 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall.

8) **ADJOURNMENT:**

- a. **A. Layn moved to adjourn at 8:45. J. McNerney seconded. Vote was unanimous.**