

MONKTON SELECTBOARD MEETING
MONKTON TOWN HALL
MINUTES

DATE: Thursday November 12, 2015
(Approved 11/23/15)

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

2) **ATTENDANCE:**

Members in attendance: Henry Boisse, Ann Layn, Stephen McNerney, Roger Parker, Stephen Pilcher.

Others in attendance: Maren Vasatka, Jim Dumont, Melanie Peyser, Claire Broughton, Kristin Lyons, Ivor Hughes, Karen Kotecki, Ned Farquhar, Christopher LeForce, Jane Palmer, Nate Palmer, David Lynch, Heather Lynch, Jennifer Baker, Michael Hurlburt, Robin Hopps.

3) **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Vermont Gas has filed eminent domain proceedings on 4 Monkton landowners.
- b. Logan Lecompte accepted the offer from the town and will be responsible for winter road maintenance.

4) **REGULAR BUSINESS:**

a. APPROVE MINUTES: The Selectboard reviewed the minutes from October 26, 2015. Corrections were made. **A. Layn moved to accept the minutes as ammended, J. McNerney seconded. Motion carried with vote 4-0-1, S. Pilcher abstained.**

b. REVIEW AND APPROVE CHECK WARRANTS:

• A/P	11/16/2015	51116	\$ 9,536.92
• A/P	10/29/2015	51031	\$128,341.55
• A/P	10/28/2015	51028	\$ 39,308.82
• P/R	11/02/2015	51102	\$ 10,055.12

c. REVIEW AND APPROVE OVERWEIGHT PERMITS, ETC.:

- There were no overweight permits to review

d. PUBLIC COMMENT: David and Heather Lynch approached the board with a Trash Burning complaint. They were seeking the boards assistance because they have health concerns for themselves as well as the livestock they are raising on the property. It was explained that there

is no town ordinance and needs to be addressed by ACSWMD and the Addison County Sherriff's Department. It was also suggested that if there is burning outside and it is a concern, the town fire warden could be contacted, but to keep in mind that he has no jurisdiction unless the burning is outside. John Wakefield, the Air Quality control for the State of VT encouraged Mr. and Mrs. Lynch to involve the Selectboard. S. Pilcher will contact ACSWMD.

5) NEW BUSINESS:

- a. REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO TRAP IN MEADER SWAMP: No action taken as person requesting was not present.
- b. REVIEW OF VERMONT GAS PROPOSE PIPELINE REROUTE ON OLD STAGE ROAD: Ned Farquhar, Karen Kotecki, Chris Leforce showed a map of proposed possible pipeline reroute on Old Stage Road. Hurlburt property. VGS and the Hulbert's had come to an agreement to locate part of/most of the pipeline on the Hurlburt property.

VGS owns former Crandall property and propose a cross over from Hurlburt property to Crandall property. This would require another approval for a road crossing as Old Stage Road would be crossed an additional 2 times. The access road has also been moved out of a wetland.

It was indicated by a guest that Mr. Hurlburt was not aware of this meeting and he did not want this to happen. S. Pilcher has a letter from Mr. Hurlburt's attorney stating that he was satisfied with proposed re-route. The board was asked to wait until Mr. Hurlburt could attend. J. McNerney made it clear that this was a legally warned meeting and a decision would be made this evening.

Upon arrival, Mr. Hurlburt stated that he did not think he had received a copy of the letter from the lawyer, indicated that he was told that there was a change in the map, but not in detail. Mr Hurlburt suggested that the pipeline could be buried under the existing drainage ditch within the town right-of-way, instead of cutting trees down.

Tree removal will be necessary. The Selectboard was notified that the view shed study has identified Old Stage Road as an asset to the Town of Monkton.

Vermont Gas did a survey as part of the proposed reroute and discovered that the Town of Monkton tax maps contained an error which resulted in moving the northern boundary of the Crandall property 200 feet south. Vermont Gas stated that they have not yet done an archaeological survey of the proposed re-route.

Henry Boisse moved to approve the proposed Old Stage Road reroute with condition that the pipeline is not put on Kristin Lyons property.

A member of the audience requested that H. Boisse recuse himself from the discussion as he had reached an agreement with VGS regarding the pipeline crossing his land. H. Boisse did not agree that there was cause recuse himself, and the Selectboard agreed that there was no reason for him to do so as his agreement with VGS has nothing to do with this proposed re-route.

Also, a guest asked why the Selectboard has to vote tonight, and why can't all the changes be shown at once to maintain consistency.

R. Parker feels that many these arguments and questions need to be held between the Landowners and VGS, and they do not involve the selectboard.

John McNerney seconded this motion. Voted and passed, 4-1-0.

- c. ROTAX ROAD RENTAL PROPERTY HEALTH ISSUE: Robin Hopps discussed with the Board the mold issue on this property. A significant mold issue has been identified that is not isolated to one spot and has damaged clothing and shoes. There is an ongoing dispute between the landlord and tenant regarding who is responsible and which party will clean up the mold. The Town Health Officer is working to resolve the problem. The THO also submitted to the Selectboard answers to some of the questions asked by the landlord via email

H. Boisse moved to authorize S. Pilcher to respond to Mr. MacIver's email. A. Layn seconded this motion , voted and passed, 5-0-0.

- d. SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY: **A. Layn moved to approve the letter that was drafted to be sent to Don Gould. R. Parker seconded this motion. Voted and passed 5-0-0.**
- e. BUDGET REVIEW : The Selectboard was given a copy of the budget worksheet. As of November 1, 2015, the worksheet reflected the actuals. No action was taken.
- f. BUDGET REQUEST LETTER: December 1, 2015 will be the deadline for budgets as the town meeting will be held on February 27, 2016 at 10:00am

6) OLD BUSINESS:

- a. FIRE STATION ADDITION STATUS: S. Pilcher has verbal confirmation that a construction permit will be issued by dept of fire safety as well as a variance. A firewall should no longer be required.
- b. HOLLOW ROAD SITE CLEANUP STATUS: Progress is being made on the clean-up of the property. R. Parker has purchased the property and is performing the clean-up.
- c. PARK AND RIDE STATUS: Peck Electric will be giving a quote on the electrical installation for the lighting. Quote has not yet been received.
- d. WILDLIFE CROSSING STATUS: Tuesday, 11/17/15 will be final inspection for the wildlife crossing.

7) **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- a. DETERMINE TIME/DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held November 23, 2015 at 7:00pm.

8) **ADJOURNMENT:**

J. McNerney moved to adjourn at 8:48pm, R. Parker seconded this motion. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Miranda Boe
Recording Secretary
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