

MONKTON SELECTBOARD MEETING  
MONKTON TOWN HALL  
MINUTES

DATE: Monday October 26, 2015  
(Approved 11/12/2015)

1) **CALL TO ORDER:** A. Layn called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

2) **ATTENDANCE:**

**SELECTBOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Henry Boisse, Ann Layn, John McNerney,

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Christopher LeForce, Joshua Sky, Nathan Palmer, Jane Palmer, Maren Vasatko, Ned Farquhar, Melanie Peyser, Jay Frater, Chris Skees.

3) **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a. A. Layn mentioned to the board the that there was a draft of the pentachlorophenol report available for those interested.
- b. A. Layn stated there was a letter regarding the solar siting from ACRPC offering more guidance.

4) **REGULAR BUSINESS: 7:10 – 7:30**

- a. **APPROVE MINUTES:** The Board reviewed the minutes from October 12, 2015. **H. Boisse moved to approve the minutes as recorded. J. McNerney seconded this motion. Motion carried with a vote 3-0-0.**

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

• A/P	10-14-15	51014	\$30,720.43
• A/P	9-29-15	50929	\$25,368.33
• A/P	9-30-15	50930	\$ 8,495.82
• A/P	10-13-15	51013	\$ 7,448.97
• A/P	10-23-15	51023	\$55,145.66
• A/P	8-10-15	50813	\$ 3,596.47
• P/R	10-5-15	51005	\$ 8,290.88
• P/R	10-19-15	51019	\$ 9,896.87

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

- There were no overweight permits to review.

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

- There was no public comment.

5) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. REVIEW OF VERMONT GAS PROPOSE PIPELINE REROUTE: VT Gas showed a map of the proposed re-route. They are calling this re-route “Rotax Road Re-route”. VT Gas has indicated the proposed re-route was about 3,200 feet and moves away from archaeological sites. The route will be 300 feet from the Palmer residence. Access roads are not shown on the map and there are no new access roads. The re-route will be mostly open trench. It is TBD for road crossings and open trench to cross the brook. The main goal for tonight’s hearing was to be sure the town was okay with the proposed re-route. It was determined the agreements with landowners are public knowleges.

**H. Boisse moved to approve the re-route of the pipeline as it is in conformance with the MOU. J. McNerney seconded this motion.**

**J. McNerney moved to amend the motion by removing “as it is in conformance with the MOU” and change the motion to read “this Rotax Road re-route”. Motion now reads “H. Boisse moved to approve this Rotax Road re-route of the pipeline.” The amendment was voted and approved 3-0-0.**

It was asked if new environmental permits will be needed and it was determined this is being dealt with at a state level.

It was asked what is the board determining to do. A. Layn clarified that the board was there to see if they were in agreement to the re-route as presented.

A. Layn called the question, all in favor of the motion by H. Boisse, as amended: **Voted and passed with vote 3-0-0.**

- b. CLAFLIN CURB CUT: Mr. Claflin has additional clearing that needs to be done for the curb cut previously granted. A. Layn and J. McNerney signed the curb cut as there were only 2 Selectboard member signatures on the original approval.
- c. ROAD CREW TRAINING: The board reviewed letter containing the offer. **J. McNerney moved to authorize Selectboard chair to make the offer to Logan LeCompt for winter roadways management as written in the letter. H. Boisse seconded. Voted and passed 3-0-0.**
- d. SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY: The Board briefly discussed the social media policy. No action taken.
- e. REVIEW OF STATUTES REGARDING DISCONTINUING OR RECLASSIFYING HIGHWAYS: No action taken.

## **6) OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. FIRE STATION ADDITION STATUS: WW permit amendment has been granted.
- b. HOLLOW ROAD SITE CLEANUP STATUS: The Matera estate has reached an agreement with Roger Parker.
- c. PARK AND RIDE STATUS: The lights for the park and ride are \$1600 each.

**7) OTHER BUSINESS:**

- a. DETERMINE TIME/DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held November 9, 2015.
- b. The Selectboard received a letter from the Town Health Officer who had received a complaint regarding an apartment with a mold problem. The Health Officer went through a checklist and confirmed that there is a significant mold problem. The letter has been sent to the landlord stating that the mold problem needs to be dealt with. There was no action taken as the landlord needs to respond.
- c. A. Layn suggested getting letters out to the committees to get everyone started on the budget.
- d. ENERGY PLAN/WOOD BANK: Jay Frater and Chris Skees discussed with the board the following with indication that there is not a final plan in place.
  - Wood Bank: Accumulating wood for members of the community in need of heating fuel. This would be done with Project Hope. The plan would have zero town liability.
  - Energy Plan: This would be a stand alone plan that can be mentioned/referenced in the town plan.
  - Town Wide Survey: Being created to help identify current uses and demands to get baseline data for the plan.

**8) ADJOURNMENT**

- a. **J. McNerney moved to adjourn at 8:32pm, H. Boisse seconded, voted and passed 3-0-0.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Miranda Boe  
Recording Secretary  
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