

MONKTON SELECTBOARD MEETING  
MONKTON TOWN HALL  
MINUTES

DATE: Monday January 11, 2015  
(Approved Jan 25, 2016)

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** Stephen Pilcher called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

**2. ATTENDANCE:**

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Stephen Pilcher, Henry Boisse, Roger Parker, John McNerney, and Ann Layn.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Wayne Preston, Bret Griswold

**3. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a. VT Gas: The Public Service Board has decided not to reconsider the Vermont Gas Certificate of Public Good. In the MOU signed between the Town of Monkton and Vermont Gas, Vermont Gas has agreed to pay for an engineer to provide oversight of the construction in Monkton. The Selectboard will begin a search to find an engineer to provide these services.

**4. REGULAR BUSINESS:**

- a. APPROVE MINUTES: The Selectboard reviewed the minutes from January 4, 2015. Corrections were made. **H. Boisse moved to approve as amended, A. Layn seconded. Voted and passed 4-0-0.**
- b. REVIEW AND APPROVE CHECK WARRANTS:
  - None.
- c. REVIEW AND APPROVE OVERWEIGHT PERMITS, ETC.:
  - None.
- d. PUBLIC COMMENT (Guests): Bret Griswold commented regarding Norris Curb Cut, he was concerned about erosion, septic issues, and whether or not a fire pond would be added. Also mentioned that the road is no longer crowned. The Selectboard suggested that Mr. Griswold attend a DRB meeting to review this.

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. BUDGET REVIEW: S. Pilcher worked with Kathy Nolan to get a figure on the General Fund Balance. There is still a lot of work to be done. S. Pilcher will be meeting with Kathy Nolan tomorrow.
- The Selectboard discussed the highway budget with Wayne Preston. S. Pilcher inquired about the remainder of the AOT grant which was awarded in 2014. Wayne Preston indicated that the monies were spent in 2015 but the remaining funds have not been applied for yet.
  - The Selectboard discussed the purchase of the F550. Wayne Preston indicated that there was some confusion regarding the invoice for the Ford F550 which the Town took possession of in September. Apparently no invoice was sent to the Town Treasurer.
  - S. Pilcher discussed with Mr. Preston the General Highway Budget, and briefly reviewed moving the highway budget surplus to the General fund.
- b. **J. McNerney moved to enter executive session at 7:45pm to discuss Employee Compensation. A. Layn seconded this motion. Voted and passed 5-0-0.**
- R. Parker moved to leave executive session at 8:25pm. H. Boise seconded. Voted and passed 5-0-0.**
- c. EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION: The Selectboard discussed employee compensation options.
- d. ARTICLES FOR TOWN MEETING: No action taken.
- e. NORRIS CURB CUT: **R. Parker moved to approve Norris Curb Cut on Mountain Rd with conditions noted, subject to approval by the road commissioner. H. Boisse seconded. Voted and passed, vote 5-0-0.**
- f. RUSSELL CURB CUT: Roger Parker will work with Wayne Preston to schedule a site visit to look at the proposed curb cut at 1536 Monkton Road.
- g. APPOINT GREEN-UP DAY COORDINATOR: **R. Parker moved to appoint Janet Kimball as the 2016 Green up Day coordinator. A. Layn seconded this motion. Voted and passed, 5-0-0.**
- h. CERTIFICATE OF HIGHWAY MILEAGE: Nothing has changed from last year. **H. Boisse moved to approve signature on Certificate of Highway Mileage. R. Parker seconded, voted and passed, 5-0-0.**

- i. **H. Boisse moved to authorize the Selectboard chair to draft a letter requesting an extension for the 2015 grant list. A. Layn seconded. Voted and passed 5-0-0.**

**6. OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. FIRE STATION ADDITION STATUS: R. Parker is trying to resolve the issue with the increased steel prices provided to the town when prices of steel are low. Update to follow.
- b. PARK AND RIDE STATUS: No bid documents at this time.

**7. OTHER BUSINESS:**

- a. DETERMINE TIME/DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on January 25, 2016.

**8. ADJOURNMENT:**

**H. Boisse moved to adjourn at 8:54pm, A. Layn seconded this motion. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0-0.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Miranda Boe  
Recording Secretary  
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