

MONKTON SELECTBOARD MEETING
MONKTON TOWN HALL
MINUTES

DATE: Monday September 12, 2016
(approved 9/26/16)

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** S. Pilcher called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.
2. **SELECTBOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Stephen Pilcher, Henry Boisse, Ann Layn, Roger Parker, John McNerney.

Others in Attendance: Melaine Peyser, Ramond Latreille, Jane Palmer, Nate Palmer, Renee McGuiness, Ken Wheeling, Dawn Griswold, Jen Stanley, David Layn.

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- The Selectboard is holding a hearing regarding the UPD on September 19, 2016 informational meeting at 7:00pm, testimony at 8:00pm. The meeting will be held at the Fire Hall.

4. **REGULAR BUSINESS:**

- a. APPROVE MINUTES: The Selectboard reviewed the minutes from August 22, 2016. **A. Layn moved to approve the minutes as written, H. Boisse seconded. Voted and passed, 4-0-1, J. McNerney abstained.**

b. REVIEW AND APPROVE CHECK WARRANTS:

• P/R	60906	09/06/16	\$ 247.16
• A/P	60829	08/29/16	\$ 11,344.26
• A/P	60825	08/25/16	\$ 27,666.91
• A/P	60912	09/12/16	\$ 13,354.19
• A/P	60831	09/02/16	\$ 470.00
• P/R	60902	09/02/16	\$ 9,299.51

c. REVIEW AND APPROVE OVERWEIGHT PERMITS, ETC.

- Sheila Spaulding

d. PUBLIC COMMENT (Guests): There was no public comment.

5. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. ZONING ENFORCEMENT OF SALVAGE/JUNK YARDS: Ken Wheeling approached the board with possible violations and one official complaint. K. Wheeling is interested in sending letters notifying the residents that there is a possible violation. Mr. Wheeling does not want to send letters unless the town is prepared for legal redress and the financial costs. An

initial letter and/or zoning violation will be necessary. Ken Wheeling has been asked to copy the Selectboard on the letters that he sends.

- b. REVIEW ENERGY COMMITTEE TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY SURVEYS: The Selectboard discussed the survey results and indicated support for the Energy Committee publishing these results.
- c. VERMONT GAS ROW PERMIT APPLICATION – ROTAX ROAD – : The Selectboard received application asking to go across the town ROW to allow them to put in a meter socket to get power to the main line valve. Raymond Latreille indicated that he would prefer the installation be put on the other side of the road - still in the ROW, and on his property. The proposed location is one of the few places he can cross the road with the farm equipment.

Mr. Latreille will be meeting with VGS on Thursday. S. Pilcher will ask Karen at VGS to contact him or another Selectboard member to be present at this meeting. The Selectboard took no action on the permit application, deciding to wait until VGS has worked out access issues with Mr Latreille.

This pedestal has not been in any maps that S. Pilcher has seen aside from being in the typical main line valve installation. Normally, the meter would be located adjacent the valve. In this case, the proposed location is in the VGS ROW, but not on their property near the valve – reportedly at the request of GMP.

Some questions from the guests include: Does this require a non-substantial change? Was this in the original CPG?

- d. SCHOOL DISTRICT UNIFICATION DISCUSSION: Jen Stanley and Dawn Griswold after passing Act-46 asking schools to unify in the coming years. The committee has been meeting since last October. They presented to the Selectboard the benefits from unifying the 5 town area. The unified board would consist of 13 board members with 2 representatives from each town.
- e. MONKTON REPRESENTATIVE TO VLCT BOARD MEETING: **R. Parker moved to delegate S. Pilcher as the Monkton VLCT Annual Business Meeting representative, J. McNerney seconded. Voted and passed with a vote of 4-0-1, S. Pilcher abstained.**
- f. HIRING PROCESS : The Selectboard has advertised for a Road Crew and a Road Foreman. Part Time compensation will be on the next meeting agenda to be discussed. An offer will be made at the end of the Selectboard meeting.

- g. REPLACEMENT SIGN(S): S. Pilcher asked if the town wants to replace the sign damaged by vandalism. It was mentioned that several residents from the Town of Monkton have volunteered to purchase the sign. J. McNerney will contact them to see if they are still willing. J. McNerney will arrange for a Lexan sheet as an attempt to protect the new sign. The town will pay for the Lexan.

S. Pilcher will contact the Monkton Road Crew about repairing older, small Monkton sign from Hollow Rd.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. PARK AND RIDE STATUS: H. Boisse reported S.D. Ireland needs dimensions for the light pole bases. The Poles are expected to ship on September 21, 2016 and the fixtures on October 10, 2016. H. Boisse and R. Parker to handle providing the needed information.
- b. FIRE STATION ADDITION STATUS: The Selectboard reviewed a statement, and briefly discussed the end date. There was also discussion regarding the payments made and to be made to the contractor hired to do the construction.

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

- a. DETERMINE TIME/DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on September 26, 2016 at 7:00pm.
- b. S. Pilcher was asked by the DRB to put in an advertisement for the 7th DRB member. The Select Board agreed.
- c. Received an inquiry about whether the town would be interested in ordering Monkton flags and having them for sale. This would allow the current flag order effort to reach a quantity price break. Since this subject was not warned for this meeting, it will be discussed at our next meeting.
- d. The Selectboard received a certificate of liability insurance for the Tour-de-Farms.

8. ADJOURNMENT

- a. **H. Boisse moved to adjourn at 9:10pm, A. Layn seconded this motion. Voted and passed 5-0-0.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Miranda Boe
Recording Secretary.