

Monkton Planning Commission Meeting Minutes December 6, 2016

Approved: 1/3/17

Present: Wendy Sue Harper, Lee Mahony, Ivor Hughes, Peter Close, Marilyn Cargill, Gayle Grim, Jay Frater

Absent: None Visitors: None

The meeting was called to order at 7.33 pm. by Marilyn.

Administrative Business

- 1) **Minutes.** Peter moved Lee seconded the minutes of 12/15. These were passed as amended proposed by Peter seconded by Lee. Note Wendy Sue was absent for this vote.
- 2) **Mail.** There was no mail.

Old Business

- 3) **Budget.** All the line items were discussed, some clarification on the Viewshed study and Park and Ride funding and how and where they should appear is required, (these were fully funded by the state but full payment usually isn't reimbursed until the completion of the project). These two items to be discussed with the Select board.
A motion to accept the proposed 2017 MPC budget was made by Ivor, seconded by Jay and passed unanimously. Wendy Sue to e-mail MPC budget to Select Board for approval.
- 4) **Town Report.** Each of the assignments by members on the various 2016 projects was passed to Wendy Sue for condensing and integration in preparation for inserting into the town report.
- 5) **Complete Streets.** It is hoped to add Fog Lines to the road in the Boro as was done on the Ridge. This will depend on how much money is remaining in the MPC 2016 budget. Some discussion on the part of the road to be covered took place. The minimum would be from the school to the stop sign in the Boro. If possible it would be preferable to include from the ridge stop sign passed the school and stop sign in the Boro to where the current "Welcome to Monkton Boro" sign is.
- 6) **Town Wide Planning Survey.** Marilyn reported a response of about 199 to the survey so far and the end date has been extended to Dec 15. Ivor reported that an encouragement and reminder notice appeared in the Addison Independent of Dec 5 th. Marilyn was to also post another reminder on Front Porch Forum and Jay will post on the town sign outside the town hall.
- 7) **Geological Study.** Gayle is summarizing up the report and this will be posted on the town web site.
- 8) **UPD.** No action
- 9) **Youth participation.** Ivor reported that he had a write-up inserted into Dec 5 th. Addison Independent as well as posted on Front Porch Forum and e-mailed to Mt. Abe high school.
- 10) **Town Plan.** No action

New Business.

(a) The MPC received a communication from a citizen concerned about the removal of trees and hedgerows between fields bordering the Monkton Bristol road. While this is undesirable the MPC has no power over agricultural or land not owned by the town.

(b) Ivor reported that there was a possibility that the VELCO high voltage power line through Monkton may be on the list for a re-conductoring or upgrade as proposed by ISO New England. This may come about if a new DC power line (The Green Line) running down Lake Champlain and terminating at the New Haven Sub Station materializes. Ref: PSB Docket 8847.

No other Reports

Next meeting Dec 20th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9.25 pm. Moved by Lee seconded by Ivor, passed unanimously.

These minutes respectfully submitted by Ivor Hughes.