

MONKTON SELECTBOARD MEETING
MONKTON TOWN HALL
Minutes

DATE: Monday January 9, 2017
(Approved Jan. 16, 2017)

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** S. Pilcher called the meeting to order at 7:05pm
2. **ATTENDANCE:**
 - a. MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Stephen Pilcher, John McNerney, Ann Layn, Henry Boisse, Roger Parker.
 - b. OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Sharon Gomez.
3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
 - a. Wayne Preston has retired as Road Commissioner after 43 years of service to the Town of Monkton. He will return as a part time employee for the Town of Monkton on February 1, 2017.
4. **REGULAR BUSINESS:**
 - a. APPROVE MINUTES: The Board reviewed the minutes from December 19, 2016. Corrections were made. **A. Layn moved to approve the minutes as amended. J. McNerney seconded this motion. Voted and passed 5-0-0.**
 - b. REVIEW AND APPROVE CHECK WARRANTS:

• A/P #61228	12/28/2016	\$	12,973.17
• A/P #61223	12/23/2016	\$	2,610,398.21
• A/P #61231	12/31/2016	\$	97,413.82
• A/P #61222	12/22/2016	\$	22,856030
• P/R #61223	12/23/2016	\$	17,32.14
• P/R #70109	01/09/2017	\$	10,223.75
 - c. REVIEW AND APPROVE OVERWEIGHT PERMITS, ETC.
 - There were no overweight permits to review.
 - d. PUBLIC COMMENT (Guests): There were no public comments.
5. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. BUDGET REVIEW: The Board reviewed the budget. Discussion ensued.
 - Sharon Gomez is requesting that the Town Clerk position go from being fee-based to being salary-based. She is requesting \$35,000/year which equals \$25.88/hour. The Board reviewed the

salaries for similar sized, bordering towns. The Selectboard will budget the Town Clerk position to salary based at \$35,000/year.

- The Treasurer has requested a 3% increase in pay. This would take the salary from \$32,500/year to \$33,475/year. Selectboard approved the new amount for the budget.
- **H. Boisse move to increase Selectboard Admin position from \$15/hour to \$16/hour. A. Layn seconded this motion. Motion carried 5-0-0.**
- Discussion on several outstanding appropriations. R. Parker suggested flat funding WomanSafe. J. McNerney noted that in general (not specifically related to WomenSafe) we have flat-funded almost all of our social services for several years. What is the process an organization needs to go through to get us to consider an increase? Selectboard agreed to budget additional funds for WomanSafe and the Monkton Mentors program pending final approval of the budget by the board.
- Highway department might have \$121,000 in grants. This is to be discussed with Logan LeCompte.
- Highway Payroll: **R. Parker made a motion to budget a 2% pay increase for regular employees effective the first pay period after Town Meeting. H. Boisse seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.**
- Robin Hobbs would like her stipend raised to \$300/year and to have a payrate of \$17.00/hour. **J. McNerney moved to set the Town Health Officer's stipend at \$300/year and payrate of \$17.00/hour, R. Parker seconded this motion. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0-0.**

- b. REVIEW DRAFT SELECTBOARD REPORT: The Selectboard reviewed the articles for town meeting. No action taken.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. FIRE STATION ADDITION STATUS: R. Parker spoke with Paul Sipple and the door is to be corrected. Mr. Sipple has indicated that he is waiting for a larger materials order to alleviate shipping costs

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

- a. DETERMINE TIME/DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on January 16, 2017 at 7:00pm.
- b. R. Parker would like to discuss the wildlife crossing wall. There was an accident where a car when over the wall and was involved in a rollover accident, where it is felt that if the wall was not there, the vehicle would most likely gone in to the field. When R. Parker stopped to assist, his parked vehicle was rear-ended. Guard rails could be considered.

c. There is a Pace and Holly letter to do the financial audit for 2016. This will be reviewed at the next meeting.

d. The Board briefly discussed the happenings on Bennett Road, along with some concerns regarding Blaze, the dog wandering around town and causing problems with neighbors.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:**

J. McNerney moved to adjourn at 9:17pm. H. Boisse seconded this motion. Voted and passed, 5-0-0.