

**MONKTON SELECT BOARD MEETING  
MONKTON TOWN HALL  
MINUTES  
August 28, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Steve Pilcher called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM

**ATTENDANCE:**

Steve Pilcher, John McNerney, Roger Parker  
(absent: Anne Layn, Henry Boisse)

Guests: Ivor Hughes, Melissa Cook, Marilyn Cargill

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- S. Pilcher informed the board that the town maintains a list of overweight permits which is shared with the Addison County Sheriff.

**REGULAR BUSINESS:**

- REVIEW MINUTES: No Action Taken
- REVIEW AND APPROVE CHECK WARRANTS  
#PR 70821 Aug 21, 2017 \$12,778.73  
#AP 70817 Aug 17, 2017 \$25,303.61
- REVIEW AND APPROVE OVERWEIGHT PERMITS:  
Harvey Industries  
Ormond Bushey & Sons, Inc.
- PUBLIC COMMENT: None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- TURKEY LANE ZONING COMPLAINT: M. Cook described her complaint with a contractor's yard near her property. She maintains that the owner is not complying with several conditions of his conditional use permit: exceeding the number of allowed trips (permit condition is 30 round trips per month), Not complying with the hours of operation, the screening installed to meet the permit conditions is completely ineffective and does not meet the intent of the permit condition. Ms Cook also stated that the property was in use as a contracting yard long before the owner applied for a permit, and that he was not truthful about his intent to live there. She further stated that she feels the DRB did not adequately take into account

the complaints of the neighbors when considering the Conditional Use application.

S. Pilcher shared that per his reading of the conditions of the permit, the areas that would seem to be something the Zoning Administrator could act upon if the charges prove warranted would be the amount and hours of traffic, and the screening. However, it was noted that evidence would need to be provided of these conditions.

- DUMP TRUCK BANK NOTE: S. Pilcher noted that the Select Board has not yet received a copy of the bank note for approval. **J. McNerney moved to authorize the chair to review and approve the bank note not to exceed \$180,000 @ 3.5% interest for the purchase of the 2018 Western Star Dump Truck. R. Parker seconded.** Voted and approved 3-0-0.
- UNIFIED PLANNING DOCUMENT: M Cargill and I Hughes presented the Select Board with a copy of the Proposed Unified Planning Document. They detailed the main changes to the plan: (1) the “RA5V District” language has been restored. They believe it was inadvertently omitted in the 2012 revision, but the map still showed the district. The descriptive text for this district is now back in the document. (2) Updated the Ridgeline Overlay District. (3) Added building energy standards (these were mainly copied from State regulations/recommendation or ACRPC guidelines). (4) Changes to First Cut Provisions.

The Planning Commission approved the document after their hearing without further changes. We discussed the timeline for further hearings and eventual townwide vote. The Select Board decided to postpone consideration until the full board is present.

- 2018 TRANSPORTATION PLANNING STUDY: S. Pilcher announced the availability of study grants to look at addressing transportation issue in the town. S. Pilcher discussed with Thea Gaudette the possibility of applying for a grant for a study on the States Prison Hollow / Monkton Ridge intersection. Several comments made regarding safety concerns at this intersection and problems with the intersection adversely affecting parking at Monkton General Store.
- APPOINTMENTS/TOWN OFFICIALS: S. Pilcher announced that he has received the resignation of Amy Moody as Recycling Coordinator. The Select Board expressed the Town’s appreciation for her years of service in this area. S. Pilcher shared that Jessica Demeritt has expressed interest in the position. **J. McNerney moved to appoint Jessica Demeritt to fill the balance of the one year term for Recycling Coordinator. R. Parker seconded.** Voted and approved 3-0-0

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **ROTAX RD DAMAGE / OPERATING UNPERMITTED TRUCKS:**  
Discussed options for moving forward on Rotax Rd damage. S. Pilcher will discuss further with the Road Foreman.
- **FIRE STATION ADDITION:** R. Parker reported that the contractor is now saying the door will be fixed by Sept 10 (the deadline had been Aug. 28). R. Parker reported he had sent the contractor a stern letter regarding this, and warning that if it was not completed by that time, we were prepared to take other measures to assure its satisfactory completion.
- **ANIMAL CONTROL POLICY:** No action taken

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- **NEXT MEETING:** September 11, 7 PM at Monkton Town Hall

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- **Motion made by R. Parker seconded by J. McNerney to adjourn at 8:25 PM.** Voted and approved 3-0-0

Respectfully submitted  
John McNerney