

MONKTON SELECTBOARD MEETING
MONKTON TOWN HALL
MINUTES

DATE: Monday September 11, 2017
(Approved 10/9/17)

CALL TO ORDER: S. Pilcher called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE:

- MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Stephen Pilcher, Ann Layn, John McNerney, Henry Boisse
- MEMBERS ABSENT: Roger Parker
- GUESTS: Sam Burr

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- There were no new announcements.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

- APPROVE MINUTES: The board reviewed minutes from August 14, 2017. Corrections were made. **A. Layn moved to approve the minutes as amended. H. Boisse seconded, voted and passed 4-0-0.**

- REVIEW AND APPROVE CHECK WARRANTS:
 - AP #70911 09/11/2017 \$ 5,14235
 - AP #70831 08/31/2017 \$ 24,829.27
 - AP #70820 08/20/2017 \$ 18,895.71
 - AP #70906 09/06/2017 \$ 107,890.51
 - PR #70901 09/01/2017 \$ 8,291.24

- REVIEW AND APPROVE OVERWEIGHT PERMITS, ETC.:
 - Blairs Forestry Hauling

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- APPLICATION FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION PROCESS: Sam Burr feels that the town wide re-appraisal went well and wasn't too far off from estimates. He also feels that some residents might be reading the bills incorrectly. One property assessment was appealed to the BCA. The BCA declined to make adjustments. The appellants will be taking their case to the state appraiser.

There is an application from Willowell requesting tax exemption. S. Burr has indicated this was up to the listers, and must meet certain requirements. Concerns were discussed. S. Burr feels the listers should be working with Selectboard, and indicated that a public hearing is being planned for transparency purposes.

- 2018 TRANSPORTATION PLANNING STUDY – The board discussed applying for a grant to redesign the intersection at States Prison Hollow Rd. **J. McNerney moved to authorize the Selectboard Chair to sign 2018 planning study request for grant to study States Prison Hollow Rd Intersection, H. Boisse seconded. Voted and passed, 4-0-0.**
- \$180,000 COMMUNITY BANK NOTE FOR 2017 WESTERN STAR DUMP TRUCK: There are some options for this note, one options is a 3 year note with 1.95% interest, another option is a 5 year note is 2.20% interest, and there is currently \$98,000.00 in Capital Equipment fund. **A. Layn moved to approve a three year note for \$180,000.00 from Community Bank with an interest rate of 1.95%, and \$50,000.00 to be used from the Capital Equipment Fund. H. Boisse seconded. Voted and passed, 4-0-0.**
- UNIFIED PLANNING DOCUMENT: The Select Board briefly reviewed the main changes to the UPD from the previously adopted version. Discussed timing for further review and Select Board hearing on the document.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ROTAX ROAD DAMAGE / OPERATING UNPERMITTED TRUCKS: Ormond Bushy & Sons has not responded to the bill Sons for damage to Rotax Rd from unpermitted trucks. S. Pilcher passed around a draft of a follow up letter. Several suggestions were made, including that we add Chris Mack, whose trucks were also involved. It was also agreed that since the trucks belonged to Ormond Bushey and Chris Mack, our issue is with them. As such, we will be discontinuing discussions with Nick Lambert on this subject. Any issues Ormond Bushey or Chris Mack have with Mr Lambert they can take up with him directly.
- ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE DRAFT: S. Pilcher reviewed some of the changes that were made with the Selectboard members. These changes were distributed to the board members for review and discussion at a future meeting. No action was taken at this time.
- FIRE STATION ADDITION STATUS: The most recent information is that the door is coming September 18, 2017. J. McNerney mentioned the possibility of taking legal action to get this completed if the deadline slips again. The board will look at status at next meeting on September 25, 2017.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- DETERMINE TIME/DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be September 25, 2017 at 7:00pm

ADJOURNMENT

H. Boisse moved to adjourn at 8:34pm, A. Layn seconded. Voted and passed, 4-0-0.