

MONKTON SELECTBOARD MEETING  
MONKTON TOWN HALL  
MINUTES

DATE: Monday March 26, 2018  
(Approved 4/9/18)

- **CALL TO ORDER:** S. Pilcher called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.
- **ATTENDANCE:** Stephen Pilcher, Bill Martin, Roger Parker, John McNerney

Guests: Ken Wheeling, Stephen & Park, Sarah Park, Jane Palmer, Nate Palmer, Cynthia Hendel, Melanie Peyser, Sam Burr, Allen Karnatz (VLT), Pete Huber, Eugenie Doyle.

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

S.Pilcher read a letter addressed to the Select Board from Gerald and Judy Hill regarding nuisance dogs and zoning issues. K Wheeling noted that he has tried to make contact with the Hills regarding the zoning issue.

- **REGULAR BUSINESS:**

- **APPROVE MINUTES:**

The board reviewed the minutes from the March 12, 2018 Select Board meeting.  
**J McNerney moved to approve the minutes as written. B. Martin seconded. Voted & approved 4-0-0.**

Finished review of March 3, 2018 Town Meeting minutes. Made some revisions.  
**J McNerney moved to approve the minutes as amended. B Martin seconded. Voted and approved 4-0-0**

- **REVIEW AND APPROVE CHECK WARRANTS:**
    - A/P 80314 03/14/2018 \$ 15,768.83
    - A/P 80322 03/22/2018 \$ 17,090.98
    - P/R 80319 03/19/2018 \$ 14,125.77
  - **REVIEW AND APPROVE OVERWEIGHT PERMITS, ETC.:**
    - Field & Sons Transportation, Inc.
    - K.A. Bagley
    - Scott Pidgeon
    - Tim Thompson Trucking, LLC
    - Ormand Bushey & Sons, Inc.
    - Curtis Lumber Co, Inc
    - Bacon Trucking LLC
    - Parent Construction, Inc
    - Dennis W Casey
    - New England Quality Service

- Red Cedar Trucking
  - Timothy Morse Trucking, LLC
  - Green Mountain Feeds, Inc.
  - Bevin & Sons, Inc.
  - Ronnie Wells
  - Robert Young
  - Tierney and Sons, LLC
  - Onsite Septic Solutions, LLC
  - Richmond Home Supply
  - Mike's Fuels LLC
  - Vaillancourt Transport
  - John G French & Sons Trucking, Inc
  - Ross Orvis
  - R & J Trucking
  - S.D. Ireland Concrete Construction Corp.
  - S.D. Ireland Brothers Corp.
  - Roger Fisher Truscking
  - KT Power, Inc.
- PUBLIC COMMENT (Guests): None
- **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - MOWING: Agreed to put out for bid the mowing of Cemeteries and town land near the church.
  - HOMEWARD BOUND CONTRACT: **J McNerney moved to approve the contract with Homeward Bound using option 1. R Parker seconded. Voted and approved 4-0-0**
  - MUNICIPAL PAY RATES: **R Parker moved, B Martin seconded to approve the municipal pay rate sheet as written. Voted and Approved 4-0-0**
  - INTERVIEW ZONING ADMINISTRATOR CANDIDATE:  
 At 7:40, **R Parker moved and B Martin seconded to enter executive session for the purposes of interviewing a candidate for Zoning Administrator. Voted & approved 4-0-0**  
 At 8:12, **J McNerney moved and B Martin seconded to exit executive session. Voted and approved 4-0-0.** After further discussion, authorized chair to discuss transition plan with the candidates.
  - ANAC REQUEST TO SUPPORT CONSERVATION OF FULL BELLY FARM:  
 Discussed request by ANAC to use \$60,000 from the Agricultural and Natural Areas Fund to support the conservation of Full Belly Farm with VLT. S Burr (ANAC) and A Karnatz (VLT) explained that while this conservation project came about in a different manner (VLT purchased the property outright, and is now

selling the property subject to a conservation easement to the Parks), the end result will be similar to other conservation projects in Monkton: The farmers own the underlying land while the Vermont Land Trust holds an easement assuring (among other things) that it remains in agricultural use. The amount the town is being asked to contribute is a similar percentage to other agricultural easements in town. After further discussion, **B Martin moved and R Parker seconded to approve contributing \$60,000 from the Agricultural and Natural Areas Fund toward the purchase of a conservation easement on Full Belly Farm. Voted and approved 4-0-0**

- VERMONT GAS – DISCUSSION OF SAFETY CONCERNS:  
(R Parker recused himself due to a conflict arising from his business dealings with VT Gas. R Parker left the building for the duration of this discussion.)  
S Pilcher summarized outstanding motions by Jim Dumont to broaden the scope of the investigation into alleged safety violations relating to the installation of the natural gas transmission line, and Jane & Nate Palmer’s motion to delay the consideration of a CPG for a regulation station & distribution system in Monkton until the safety investigation is resolved. E Doyle explained the reasons for requesting this on the meeting agenda: This is a town-wide issue, affecting more people than just those covered by the MOU with VT Gas. J Palmer spoke about VGS/DPS response to request to broaden scope of investigation. She noted that many of the charges in Jim Dumont’s motion were neither denied nor disputed by either VGS or DPS. She explained that they are asking the Select Board to support the motion to delay the regulation station and distribution network.  
**B Martin moved and J McNerney seconded that the Select Board support the motion by Nate & Jane Palmer to delay consideration of the CPG for the Monkton regulation station and distribution line until the safety investigation is concluded. Voted and approved 3-0-0**

- **OLD BUSINESS:**

- 2018 APPOINTMENTS:  
**J McNerney moved, R Parker seconded appointing the following people to the town positions listed.**  
Scott Gordon DRB 4yr term exp March 2022  
John Winsor DRB 4yr term exp March 2022  
Stephanie Murray Rec Committee 3 yr term exp. March 2021  
John Zaikowski Rec Committee 3 yr term exp. March 2021  
Robin Hopps Health Officer 3 yr term exp. March 2021  
Bailee Layn-Gordon Town Service Officer 3 yr term exp. March 2021  
Deborah Gaynor Delegate to ACSWMD 1 yr term exp. March 2019  
Stephen Pilcher Delegate to ACSWMD 1 yr term exp. March 2019  
Nate Palmer Energy Committee, 3 yr term exp. March 2021  
Jane Palmer Energy Committee, 3 yr term exp. March 2021  
Chelsea Smiley Green Up Coordinator, 1 yr term exp. January 2019  
**Voted and approved 4-0-0**

- ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER COVERAGE: No action taken.
- **OTHER BUSINESS:**
  - DETERMINE TIME/DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held Monday April 9, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall.
- **ADJOURNMENT**

**J. McNerney moved to adjourn at 10:25 PM, B Martin seconded. Voted and approved 4-0-0**

Respectfully submitted  
John McNerney