

MONKTON SELECTBOARD MEETING
MONKTON TOWN HALL
Monday September 24, 2018
(Approved 10/8/18)

- **CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM**

Stephen Pilcher called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

- **ATTENDANCE:**

Members Present: Stephen Pilcher, Bill Martin, Anne Layn, John McNerney

Members Absent: Roger Parker

Others Present: Betsy Brown, Wendy Sue Harper, Michael Hurlburt, David Hurlburt.

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Town of Monkton has been awarded a grant to study improvements to States Prison Hollow Road and Monkton Ridge intersection. \$15,000 grant from Addison County Regional Planning.

There have been several complaints about signage at the intersection of Davis Road and Monkton Ridge blocking sight lines.

- **REGULAR BUSINESS: 7:00 – 7:30**

- **APPROVE MINUTES**

- The Selectboard reviewed the minutes of September 10, 2018. It was noted that the date at the top needs to be changed to September 10th, 2018. **J. McNerney moved to approve the minutes as amended. A. Layn seconded. Minutes approved by a vote of 3-0-1.**

- The Selectboard also reviewed the minutes of July 23, 2018. **J. McNerney moved to approve the minutes as written. B. Martin seconded. Motion carried by a vote of 3-0-1.**

- REVIEW AND APPROVE CHECK WARRANTS
 - A/P 20915 \$60,961.86
 - A/P 80922 \$47,288.94
 - P/R 80917 \$9,241.50
 - A/P 80924 \$43,333.33
 - A/P 80831 \$2884.37

- REVIEW AND APPROVE OVERWEIGHT PERMITS, ETC.
 - Mr. Bults, Inc. Coventry, VT
 - Kevin Brown Middlebury, VT

- PUBLIC COMMENT – none

- **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - OLD STAGE ROAD – Michael Hurlburt approached the Selectboard regarding Old Stage Road. There are a couple sections of the road where it “pinches”, creating a safety issue. Mr. Hurlburt also mentioned a section of the road where a bank was not put back to it’s previous state after the Vermont Gas construction. Stephen Pilcher suggested having a Selectboard member joint Mr. Hurlburt and the Road Foreman for a site visit. John McNerney volunteered to be the Selectboard member to do the site visit. A possible reduction in speed limit was discussed. In the past the Sheriff objected to proposed reductions in other areas. Anne Layn suggested increasing signage to say “Narrow Road”, etc.

 - ROAD CREW HIRING
 - Stephen Pilcher stated that to the best of his knowledge there have been no applications for the open road crew position. Another round of advertising will commence. Will look into advertising in the Hinesburg Record and Seven Days in addition to the Addison Independent and Front Porch Forum. Discussion ensued about whether or not to change the wording of the advertisement to include rate of pay and whether or not training was offered.

- CORRECTION OF AUGUST 13, 2018 MINUTES
B. Martin moved to correct the minutes of the August 13th meeting to reflect the motion to deny a \$1300 claim for bent wheel rims which was inadvertently omitted for the original minutes. A. Layn seconded. Motion carried by a vote of 3-0-1.

- BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE
 -S. Pilcher gave a quick update on what the Building Committee is doing. The Committee has come up with a couple different ideas for a new town hall. The Committee will have an informational meeting to float these ideas and to get feedback from the public. One concept is similar to the previous concept. Single story - library has been shrunk a bit, bathrooms more accessible, added Zoning Administrator office. The second concept is a 2 story walk-out basement. No wasted square footage on hallways. All square footage is being used.

- SUPPORT OF MUNICIPAL PLANNING GRANT
 -Wendy Sue Harper said the Planning Commission has talked about having a summit with other towns re: PUDs (Planned Unit Developments) to find out what works and doesn't work. The PC has not have had time to organize this themselves so the hope is that the grant will allow to bring in the Addison County Regional Planning Commission. Addison County Regional Planning (ACRP) will have a "PUD Summit" including interested towns with similar issues. The ACRP will look through our UPD (Unified Planning Document) to make sure our PUD regulations are in order and comply with State Law. The ACRP will also have a meeting for town residents to come and learn about PUDs. ACRP will create a "best practices for PUDs" document. ACRP will then take a first crack at the PUD regulations in the Monkton UPD while the Planning Commission will work on updating the rest of the UPD regulations.
J. McNerney made a motion to sign the Resolution of Support for a Municipal Planning Grant Application (PUD Summit Planning Grant). B. Martin seconded. Motion passed 4-0-0.

- **OLD BUSINESS:**

none

- **OTHER BUSINESS:**

The town has had complaints about signage at Davis Road/Monkton Ridge intersection. J. McNerney questioned who owns that piece of land. Some signs impede sight lines making it a safety issue. A. Layn suggested have the business owners get together and figure out a sign that can be posted to advertise all their businesses so that it does not block sight lines. S. Pilcher will talk to the Zoning Administrator. B. Martin will talk to Monkton Ridge Orchard about removing or relocating their signs which are blocking sight lines.

- **DETERMINE TIME/DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- The next meeting is October 8th at 7pm.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

A. Layn moved to adjourn. J. McNerney seconded. Motion passed 4-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.