

**Town of Monkton  
Selectboard Meeting  
December 17th, 2018  
(approved Jan 7, 2019)**

**Call to Order:** Stephen Pilcher called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

**Attendance:**

**Present-** Bill Martin, Anne Layn, John McNerney, Stephen Pilcher, Marikate Kelley

**Absent-**

**Visitors-** Christopher Ross, Sharon Gomez

**Announcements:**

- Bill Martin shared a news article that states that Monkton is the 8th highest median household income in northwest Vermont.

**Regular Business:**

- **Approve Minutes:** John McNerney made a motion to approve the December 10th, 2018 meeting minutes as amended. Anne Layn seconded the motion and it passed 5-0-0.
- **Review and approve check warrants-** The following check warrants were reviewed and signed:
  - P/R #81213 \$24,399.00
  - A/R #81212 \$18,829.75
- **Review and approve overweight permits-**
  - None at this time
- **Public comment-** none at this time

**New Business:**

- **State Prison Hollow Road RFP-** Addison County Regional Planning designed a proposal to improve the intersection at State Prison Hollow Rd and Monkton Rd. A representative from Regional Planning wants to meet with members of the Selectboard. It will be good to gather feedback from the fire department, highway department, the general store, the library and planning commission as well. Anne Layn will be the point person.
- **2019 Budget-**
  - ANAC requested a budget of \$400. They will be adding an article to the town meeting notice requesting \$50,000 for the Agricultural and Natural Areas Fund this year. This was discussed among those present.
  - Recycling currently costs \$50/ ton of recycling this year. There will be an increase to \$100/ton in 2019.
  - Cemetery maintenance was increased by \$1000
  - Town Hall- IT services are needed to maintain networking, cloud storage, and virus protection. Sharon Gomez presented the board with some pricing information from one company she contacted. The members present discussed what type of services will be needed. The IT budget will be added to the contract services to the amount of \$5000. Stephen Pilcher

reminded Sharon Gomez that amounts of \$5000 or more must be put out for competitive bid. The computer equipment and software line item was decreased to \$500.

- Salaries- the treasurer requested an increase in pay of 4.5%. It was discussed among those present. This will be discussed more at the next meeting. At this point in time the Treasurer is also the delinquent tax collector, both of these positions are elected.
- Fire department and post office- Currently the fire department maintains the building and pays the utilities for the building. The electric bill for the post office is metered separately. Bill Martin will request to look at the lease for the post office.
- The library is requesting less money this year due to a surplus from last year.
- **Preview of Town Plan and Timeline-** The town plan has been read by the Selectboard members and some items were discussed.

#### **Old Business:**

- Lower Speed Limit – no action taken
- No Thru Trucks – no action taken

#### **Other Business:**

- **Cemeteries in Monkton-** Anne Layn shared information about the cemeteries in town and who is the contact person. Some of the cemeteries do not have a contact person. There will be a person from the Vermont historical cemetery association is coming to the Smith Cemetery to repair some headstones.
- **Articles for Town Meeting-** At this point there aren't any articles submitted.

#### **Adjournment:**

- **John McNerney made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bill Martin seconded the motion and it passed 5-0-0.** The meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

The next meeting will be January 7th, 2019 at 7:00pm at the town hall.

Minutes submitted by Bailee Layn-Gordon