

**Town of Monkton  
Selectboard Meeting  
February 11th, 2019  
(Approved 2/28/19)**

**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-** John Gaudette

**Announcements:**

- The town received the invoice from the Addison County Sheriff Department for the month of January. The sheriff has patrolled 88 hours in Monkton in the month of January; this is a significant increase when compared to last year's averages.

**Regular Business:**

- **Approve Minutes:** Bill Martin made a motion to approve the January 28th, 2019 meeting minutes as written. John McNerney seconded the motion and it passed 5-0-0.
- **Review and approve check warrants-** The following check warrants were reviewed and signed:
  - P/R # 90118 \$12,712.01
  - P/R #90294 \$12,565.60
  - A/P #90122 \$27,044.83
  - A/P #81226 \$19,454.16
  - A/P # 90117 \$36,923.39
  - A/P #90208 \$20,316.16
- **Review and approve overweight permits-** The following overweight permits were reviewed and approved:
  - Denis Beloin
  - RK Miles, Inc
  - Hinesburg Sand & Gravel Co, Inc
  - VELCO
  - Spafford & Sons
  - Spence Excavating & Construction, Inc
  - Moe Dubois Excavating, Inc
- **Public comment-** Recorded in the new business section

**New Business:**

- **Engagement letter for Pace & Hawley LLC to generate Financial statements for the town-** The Selectboard members have reviewed the engagement letter for the amount of \$3,150.00. Marikate Kelley made a motion to sign the letter of engagement for Pace & Hawley LLC. Bill Martin seconded the motion and it passed 5-0-0.

- **Complaints regarding water coming from the vicinity of Russell Memorial Library-** John Gaudette came before the Selectboard to discuss an issue of water running across their back yard. He is concerned that it is coming from the old well at the library site. Mr. Gaudette noted that this has been going on for several years. He first approached the Selectboard about five years ago about this issue. It appears to have gotten worse. There is a plan to use dye packs in the septic at the town hall and library, as well as the new well; in timed increments of 2 weeks to see where the water is coming from. Information about how the old well was decommissioned will be helpful.

#### **Old Business:**

- **Lower Speed Limit-**No action has been taken at this time
- **No Through trucks-** No action has been taken at this time
- **Town of Monkton Charter-** It has been challenging to find the Monkton Town Charter. Anne Layn reached out to Caleb Elder for more information regarding the process for creating the town charter. The Selectboard is interested in appointing people for the positions that are vital to how the town runs instead of having them elected. This would also allow them to seek people with expertise and would also allow them to reach beyond the residents of the town to fill those positions. Steve Pilcher noted that he discussed this with the treasurer and town clerk so they would be aware of action of the Selectboard. This was discussed among the members present. The plan will be to gather more information on the pros and cons of the different options. This topic will be flushed out further with the hopes that it will be brought up at town meeting of 2020.

#### **Other Business:**

- **Town meeting Tune Up-** Bill Martin attended a workshop through VLTC: “Ruling the Unruly”. He noted that there was confusion about if a Selectboard member can also be agent of the town, particularly for town positions that routinely go unfilled. He has reached out to VLTC for clarification and will share that information with the other Selectboard members when he gets it.
- **Curb Cut-** 1318 Pond Rd, Shannon Moulton. Ben Hollowell, from the highway department, has already done a site visit. Marikate Kelley will do a site visit before the next Selectboard meeting and report back on her thoughts then.
- **Animal Control Officer-** Melanie reported that she will have limited availability throughout February and March. She is requesting a Selectboard member be able to assist her if there is a situation where seizing a dog is necessary. Steve Pilcher will report back to her.
- **Appointed Positions-** John McNerney will generate a list of appointed positions and share that list before town meeting day.
- **Selectboard Recording Secretary-** Steve Pilcher will advertise for the recording secretary position.

#### **Adjournment:**

- **Bill Martin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John McNerney seconded the motion and it passed 5-0-0.** The meeting adjourned at 8:04pm.

The next meeting will be February 25th, 2019 at 7:00pm at the town hall.

Minutes submitted by Bailee Layn-Gordon