

**Town of Monkton
Selectboard Meeting
May 13, 2019
(Approved 5/27/19)**

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

Visitors- John Howard, Ben Hollwedel

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- None

REGULAR BUSINESS:

- **Approve Minutes:** Anne Layn moved to approve the April 22, 2019 meeting minutes as amended. Bill Martin seconded. Voted and approved: 5-0-0.
- **Review and approve check warrants-** The following check warrants were reviewed and signed:
 - AP 90430 4-30-19 \$27,044.40
 - PR 90429 4-29-19 \$9,352.04
 - PR 90513 5-13-19 \$11,019.56
- **Review and approve overweight permits-** The following overweight permits were reviewed and approved:
 - Richard Crowles, LLC
 - Jason Saunders (Saunders Trucking)
 - S+J Stearns, Inc.
 - Gary Moulton (Countryside Water Hauling)
 - Brown's Quarried Slate, Inc.
 - Munson Earth Moving Corp.
 - Paul Audet / Audet Trucking
 - VTUMS (Vermont Utility Management Services, LLC)
 - Ross Orvis
 - Sherman Jewett

NOTE: The following overweight permit requests were decreased from the requested amount to a max of 80,000 lbs.

- Hutch Crane & Pump Rentl Corp.
decreased from requested 99,800 to permitted 80,000 lbs
- Claire Lathrop Band Mill Inc. (Lathrop Forest Products)
decreased from requested 99,000 to permitted 80,000 lbs
- **Public comment-** none

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Request to throw up unused road** – John Howard presented maps to the Select Board showing an unmaintained town road through his property. He is requesting that the town throw up this road. It was noted that we have received requests that other roads be thrown up in the past. The board agreed to make a public posting that we will be considering requests for roads to be thrown up, and run through the process on all requests at once (NOTE: this is not an agreement to throw up requested roads, just that the Select Board will agree to consider the request without requiring residents to submit a petition with the required minimum number of registered voters.) The Select Board mentioned to John Howard that there may be expenses related to throwing up a road that will need to be borne by the requester.
- **Town Pickup Truck:** Road Foreman Ben Hollwedel mentioned that the town could use a pickup truck for transporting people and materials to various work sites. He explained that some towns have bought a used pickup for this purpose. This would eliminate the mileage charges we are paying Ben for the use of his personal truck. It would also improve road crew efficiency. Ben estimated that if we found a used truck for a reasonable price, it would pay for itself in a couple of years. The Select Board asked Ben to research, find a vehicle, and give us a proposal that would not result in exceeding the highway budget for this year.
- **Paint Bid on Town hall:** No Bids received. We will explore other methods of finding someone to do the work on.
- **Excess Weight Permit Policy:** Steve Pilcher presented a draft policy based on what Bristol uses. Marikate Kelley moved to approve the policy as amended. Bill Martin seconded. Voted and approved 5-0-0.
- **Building Committee Status:** Steve Pilcher noted that we have received 6 proposals. He explained some questions the building committee was dealing with as to the best way to proceed.
- **Dog Complaint:** Received a complaint of a dog running at large, entering neighbors' properties. Since our Animal Control Officer is currently out of town, John McNerney offered to speak with the affected neighbors and the dog owner to make all aware of their rights and responsibilities and the consequences of continued violations.
- **2019 Appointments:** No action

Old Business:

- **Lower Speed Limit-**No action
- **Town of Monkton Charter-** No action
- **Complaints regarding water coming from the vicinity of Russell Memorial Library-** All the testing we have done so far has come back negative – none of the possible sources tested are the source of the water. Discussed possible next steps.

Other Business:

- **HRA Account Issues:** Ben Hollwedel mentioned that there have been significant issues with road crew employees using funds from the HRA accounts.

The benefit cards are getting declined, causing difficulties for employees. The problems appear to be on the part of company administering the plan. Anne Layn will investigate.

- **Next Meeting Date:** Monday, May 27, 2019 at the Monkton Town Hall.

Adjournment:

- **Bill Martin moved to adjourn. John McNeney seconded. Voted and approved 5-0-0.** The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Submitted by:
John McNerney