

MONKTON SELECTBOARD MEETING
MONKTON TOWN HALL
MINUTES

DATE: Monday June 24, 2019
(Approved 7/8/19)

CALL TO ORDER

S. Pilcher called the meeting to order at 7pm.

ATTENDANCE:

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

Members Absent: none

Others Present: Betsy Brown (Recording Secretary), Eric Bessette

ANNOUNCEMENTS

S. Pilcher noted that Pace & Hawley, LLC has provided us with the final Financial Statements and Independent Accountant's Review Report for 2018.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

Approve Minutes: no action taken

Review & Approve Check Warrants: The following check warrants were reviewed and signed:

P/R 90624 6/24/19 \$12,184.15

A/P 90613 6/13/19 \$19,503.40

Review & Approve Overweight Permits: The following overweight permits were reviewed and signed: none

Public Comment

none

NEW BUSINESS:

Repairs to Boro Schoolhouse

The Monkton Historical Society has \$5000 that was raised for use to repair the Boro Schoolhouse. **A. Layn made a motion to authorize the Historical Society and the Recreation Committee to undertake repairs to the Boro Schoolhouse. B. Martin seconded. Motion passed by a voice vote of 5-0-0.**

2019 Addison County Sheriff Contract

Peter Newton, Sheriff, sent 2 copies of a proposed 2019 contract beginning July 1. **J. McNerney moved to approve contract #19-440 with the Addison County Sheriff. M. Kelley seconded. Motion passed by voice vote of 5-0-0.**

Sumner Curb Cut – Piney Woods Road

B. Martin did a site visit and noted that it has good site lines. No culverts will be required. A. Layn made a motion to approve the curb cut application of Sid Sumner on Piney Woods Road. B. Martin seconded. Discussion ensued.

J. McNerney noted that the Selectboard has had a long history of discouraging more than 1 curb cut per household. Recent exceptions have been for safety-related matters. A. Layn was told that it was not just a practice, but a policy. She would like to see that written policy if it exists. M. Kelley would like the landowner to come explain why he needs a 2nd curb cut and whether that is the only reasonable alternative to accessing a new building. The board discussed the fact that our relatively new Zoning Administrator might not be aware of the 1 curb-cut practice. Since some delay would be caused by this, the board agreed to making approval of the curb cut conditional upon the Zoning Administrator ascertaining whether the physical characteristics of the property allow no reasonable, safe alternative to accessing the home and the new building from a single curb cut.

B. Martin made a motion to approve the Sumner curb cut with the conditions discussed. A. Layn seconded. Motion passed by a vote of 5-0-0.

Contract for Architectural and Engineering Services

No action taken

Quit Claim Deed Request Re: Glebe Lands Linhan and Hood:

B. Martin explained that this is for 1395 Monkton Road. The title search showed up with Glebe Lands. **M. Kelley made a motion to Authorize Agent to Deed Real Estate to sign a quit claim deed releasing the town's interest in 1395 Monkton Road. J. McNerney seconded. Motion passed by a voice vote of 4-0-1.** B. Martin abstained.

Dominion Tech Recommendations

The Town signed a contract with Dominion Tech to do our IT services. Mark Boltz-Robinson, a town resident, has offered to come in and do an assessment of IT needs for the Town.

Salvage Yards in Monkton

There are 5 parcels that the Listers feel could be in violation of VT's Salvage Yards regulations. **A. Layn recommended that the Select Board direct the ZA to send notices of violation. The board agreed by a poll of 4-1.**

Review Bid for Replacing Ledger Board

J. McNerney moved to accept Tim Earle's proposal to replace the ledger board on the Town Hall. A. Layn seconded. Motion passed by a voice vote of 4-0-1. B. Martin abstained.

Review of roads to consider reclassifying

The Selectboard has advertised for suggestions to be submitted by Friday June, 28, 2019. J. McNerney suggested at next meeting to look over the list and then contact the Town Attorney for advice on how to proceed. The Board discussed the roads that they have received requests for to date.

Appointments: ACRPC, ACO, Tree Warden

Addison County Regional Planning (ACRPC) – all current reps and alternates have expressed interest in re-appointment - Steve Pilcher, Wendy Sue Harper, and John Brace as alternate. S.

Pilcher will remain as the alternate of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) of ACRPC. The main position will remain open. All are one year terms expiring June 2020. **M. Kelley moved to appoint the ACRPC/TAC reps as discussed above. B. Martin seconded. Motion passed by a voice vote of 5-0-0.**

Animal Control Officer (ACO): **M. Kelley moved to appoint Melanie Peyser as ACO. J. McNerney seconded. Motion passed by a voice vote of 5-0-0.**

Tree Warden: no one has shown interest at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Town of Monkton Charter

No action taken

OTHER BUSINESS:

B. Martin received a complaint about the work being done on Boro Hill Road. B. Martin will be in touch with the road foreman and the citizen making the complaint.

Determine date and time of next meeting:

The next meeting is July 8, 2019 at 7pm.

ADJOURNMENT

M Kelly made motion to adjourn. A. Layn seconded. Motion passed by a voice vote of 5-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.