

MONKTON SELECTBOARD MEETING
MONKTON TOWN HALL
Monday July 22, 2019
(Approved 8/26/19)

CALL TO ORDER:

S. Pilcher called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

ATTENDANCE:

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

Members Absent: John McNerney

Others Present: Betsy Brown (Recording Secretary), John Shandrow, Bruce Isham, Susan Isham, Mark Driscoll, Cale Pelland.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

none

REGULAR BUSINESS:

APPROVE MINUTES:

Minutes of June 10, 2019- **B. Martin moved to approve the minutes of June 10, 2019 as amended. M. Kelley seconded. Motion passed 4-0-0.**

REVIEW AND APPROVE CHECK WARRANTS

The following check warrants were reviewed and signed:

-P/R #90722 7/22/19 \$10,848.13

-A/R #90717 7/17/19 \$36,589.67

REVIEW AND APPROVE OVERWEIGHT PERMITS, ETC.

The following overweight permits were reviewed and signed:

-FedEx Freight, Inc.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

J. Shandrow, B. Isham, and S. Isham asked about the process for throwing up roads. S. Pilcher let them know where the town as it in this process. A public hearing will be held sometime this fall.

J. Shandrow is interested in Jockey Lane, and B. Isham & S. Isham are interested in throwing up the Nichols Road/Bennett Road connection.

M. Driscoll came to state that he feels that Ben Holwedel is doing a good job. He feels that the roads do seem to be in tough shape at times but is weather related, and not a reflection on Ben.

C. Pelland asked about budget for contracted services in the highway budget. S. Pilcher referred to page 50-51 of the Town Report. The town did hire a part time person for mowing this year. The Town doesn't have a slush fund for contracting outside services. C. Pelland recommended doing this in Monkton. Thinks it would help the road crew stay on top the roads.

S. Isham mentioned that some farm equipment have been crossing Old Stage Road and have caused some damage. S. Pilcher will touch base with Ben Holwedel.

NEW BUSINESS:

SALVAGE YARDS IN MONKTON

No action taken

CONTRACT FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES

S. Pilcher noted that the contract should be available at the next Selectboard meeting.

DISCUSS MUNICIPAL TAX RATE

Anne Layn made a motion to set the municipal tax rate at 0.4119. B. Martin seconded. All voted in favor. Motion passed 4-0-0.

DISCUSS PROCESS OF RECLASSIFYING ROADS

S. Pilcher sent an email to the Town Attorney for advice on how to proceed. The Town Attorney advised that each road have its own hearing (could be same date, but different times). B. Martin questioned if there is a disadvantage for keeping a trail. S. Pilcher wondered if the Town can limit access on legal trails. A. Layn asks if a legal trail divides like a road divides (creating separate lots). S. Pilcher questioned if there is a role for other committees in the town (Recreation, Planning, etc). M. Kelly is curious what criteria other towns have used for "public good/interest".

OLD BUSINESS:

TOWN OF MONKTON CHARTER

No action taken

OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Layn asked if there was an update to the bench that was damaged in a local cemetery.

M. Kelly asked about the status of the M. Brennan application before the DRB. B. Brown stated that the DRB voted to give Mr. Brennan a variance at their July 9th meeting and the written Findings of Fact and Decision will be issued at their July 23rd meeting.

DETERMINE TIME/DATE OF NEXT MEETING:
August 12, 2019 7:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT

A. Layn made a motion to adjourn. M. Kelly seconded. All voted in favor. Motion passed by a vote of 4-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy Brown