

MONKTON SELECTBOARD MEETING  
MONKTON TOWN HALL  
Monday October 14, 2019  
(Approved 10/28/18)

S. Pilcher called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

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

**Members Absent:** none

**Others Present:** Betsy Brown (Recording Secretary), Rachel Kring, Nate Palmer, Ben Hollwedel, Kevin Lambert

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

none

**REGULAR BUSINESS:**

**APPROVE MINUTES**

The board reviewed the minutes of August 12, 2019. **J. McNerney moved to accept the minutes of August 12, 2019. B. Martin seconded. Motion passed by a voice vote of 3-0-2.** M. Kelley and A. Layn abstained.

The Board reviewed the minutes Sept. 23, 2019. **M. Kelley moved to accept the minutes of September 23, 2019. A. Layn seconded. Motion passed by a voice vote of 5-0-0.**

The Board reviewed the minutes Sept. 30, 2019. **J. McNerney moved to accept the minutes of Sept. 30, 2019 as written. A. Layn seconded. Motion passed by a voice vote of 3-0-2.** M. Kelley and B. Martin abstained.

**REVIEW AND APPROVE CHECK WARRANTS**

The following check warrants were reviewed and approved:

AP #90930 \$21,829.01 9/30/19

PR #91011 \$9,171.63 10/11/19

PR #90930 \$9,745.48 9/30/19

AP #91009 \$23,261.74 10/10/19

**REVIEW AND APPROVE OVERWEIGHT PERMITS, ETC.**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Rachel Kring came to the meeting representing the Hinesburg Food Shelf. R. Kring noted that the food shelf has been serving Monkton residents for over 10 years. Families can visit 1x per month and can get about a week and a half worth of groceries. Monkton residents make up about 2-5 % of the population they serve. This year is trending 5%. Fiscal year '19 they served 18 Monkton residents who made a total of 24 visits. They have not asked the Town of Monkton for financial support in the past, they would like to start asking for a little support. R. Kring noted it cost about \$850 or so to serve those

Monkton residents last year. Any monies from the Town would go straight to food - all staff is volunteer. The Board thanked her for visiting and sharing information about the Food Shelf.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION APPOINTMENT**

Kevin Lambert introduced himself as a potential member of the Conservation Commission. He noted that he has been to 3 meetings to observe. He has been helping with the Pond Brook Management Plan. He is interested in identifying and maintaining wildlife corridors. He has a biology degree, is an outdoorsman, and aspiring hunter. **B. Martin made a motion to appoint Kevin Lambert to the balance of a 4 year term expiring March 2021. A. Layn seconded. All voted in favor 5-0-0.**

#### **TOWN HALL FURNACE REPLACEMENT**

A bid was put out to replace the town hall furnace. The Town received one bid. N. Palmer asked why the Town didn't look into a heat pump. Mr. Palmer thinks it would be appropriate to research this. J McNerney noted that the electrical system may need to be upgraded to handle a heat pump. N. Palmer asked if the current furnace could be upgraded as a back up to a heat pump. S. Pilcher will ask for bids for a new heating system. N. Palmer offered the help of the Energy Committee.

#### **CURB CUTS – ESTATE OF GLORIA BIRD SILVER ST.**

J. McNerney and B. Hollwedel did a site visit. B. Hollwedel had no concerns as there are good site lines. J. McNerney noted that the Conservation Commission has indicated to the DRB that they would like to be involved in this project. It involves a highest priority wildlife crossing and highest priority forest block connectivity. **M. Kelley moved to approve the work-in-right-of-way permit application for the Estate of Gloria C. Bird on Silver Street. J. McNerney seconded. All voted in favor 5-0-0.**

#### **SIGNS ON DAVIS ROAD ISLAND**

S. Pilcher received another complaint regarding the signs on the Davis Road island impeding sight lines. J. McNerney would like to see all the business owners work together to make sure signs don't impede sight lines for vehicles trying to merge onto Silver Street. S. Pilcher feels that there should be no signs east of the telephone pole. S. Pilcher will draft a letter to be sent to the parties involved.

#### **RIGHT OF WAY PERMISSIONS FOR GREEN MTN POWER**

**J. McNerney made a motion to modify existing right of way permit for WCVT to accommodate the extra pole and stub pole as indicated in their letter of Oct 7, 2019. B. Martin seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **SALVAGE YARDS IN MONKTON**

S. Pilcher has not heard from K. Perlee, zoning administrator, regarding anything

happening. A. Layn feels that letters should be sent. S. Pilcher will contact K. Perlee about moving this forward.

## **TOWN OF MONKTON CHARTER**

No action taken

### **RECLASSIFYING ROADS**

S. Pilcher has not heard from the Town Attorney regarding the degree of detail needed in the road descriptions. S. Pilcher feels the Board should hear the Howard's request. J. McNerney questioned whether or not the Board should hear other requests as well. J. McNerney will contact Mr. Howard to do an informal site visit prior to the select board deciding whether to consider this reclassification request.

### **RECYCLING CENTER ISSUES**

S. Pilcher got some figures from Steve Smith at PDS. He collects 2-3 tons on any given Saturday and a profit of \$250-\$350. A. Layn will call R&L. S. Pilcher will contact Moose Rubbish & Recycling.

### **INTERVIEW CANDIDATES FOR ROAD CREW**

**J. McNerney made a motion to go into executive session to discuss and meet with potential road crew candidates (personnel issues). A. Layn seconded. Voted 5-0-0.** Board moved into executive session at 8:19pm.

**B. Martin moved and J. McNerney seconded to exit executive session. Voted and approved 5-0-0.** The board exited executive session at 9:12 PM.

**B. Martin moved to offer road crew position to Shane Lawrence, subject to a 6 month probationary period. M. Kelley seconded. Voted & approved 5-0-0.**

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **DETERMINE TIME/DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Oct 28, 2019, 7:00pm at Monkton Town Hall

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**M Kelley moved to adjourn. A Layn seconded. Voted and approved 5-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:33**

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy Brown