

MONKTON SELECTBOARD MEETING
MONKTON TOWN HALL
Monday January 13, 2019
(Approved 1-20-20)

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

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

Members absent: none

Others present: Betsy Brown (Recording Secretary), Jaime Schulte

ANNOUNCEMENTS

S. Pilcher noted that the town has learned from the VT Dept of taxes that it's CLA is 96.11 as of December 2019.

A. Layn noted that the trailer has been removed from the recycling center by the Monkton Fire Department.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

APPROVE MINUTES

M. Kelley moved to accept the minutes of December 16, 2019.

B. Martin seconded. All voted in favor. Motion passed 5-0-0.

A. Layn made motion to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2020 Town Plan Public Hearing as written. B. Martin seconded. Motion passed 4-0-1 (J. McNerney abstained).

REVIEW AND APPROVE CHECK WARRANTS

The following check warrants were reviewed and signed:

A/P #91217 12/17/19 \$3,420,489.63

A/P #91218 12/18/19 \$11,237.87

A/P #91226 12/29/19 \$86,725.62

A/P #91230 12/30/19 \$10,070.73

P/R #91223 12/23/19 \$14,268.18

P/R #00102 1/6/2020 \$9,694.58

REVIEW AND APPROVE OVERWEIGHT PERMITS, ETC.

The following overweight permits were reviewed and signed:

none

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

NEW BUSINESS:

BUILDING COMMITTEE STATUS

S. Pilcher passed out the RFP for the Construction Manager for the proposed Town Hall - proposals are due at the end of the month. He also passed out a picture of the current plan for the building. There will be a public meeting in February at the School so the public can see the design and ask questions.

BRISTOL ROAD STRUCTURES GRANT

Otter Creek Engineering has placed a bid for a total of \$31,000 for engineering and design. The majority of the costs for design and construction are covered by a grant from the State for which we have already been approved **J. McNerney moved to approve the bid from Otter Creek Engineering for the engineering of the Bristol Road culvert replacement project. A. Layn seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.**

ADOPTION OF TOWN PLAN INCLUDING ENHANCED ENERGY PLAN

Following the Selectboard hearing held on 1/6/2020, the following edits were made:

1. Changed title page to remove Date 12/11/2019 and updated adopted by Selectboard to 1/13/2020.
2. Corrected typo on map reference on page 68 Public, Conserved and Inst. - this change is also reflected in table of contents
3. Corrected typo on page 36 to "State's Prison Hollow Road and Monkton Ridge Road".
4. Page 59 replace map which Kevin Behm of ACRPC said was misprinted for a better copy - removes banding in Natural Heritage areas.
5. Added the word Zoning in Map Reference 21 on page 87 so that it reads "Zoning Overlay Districts". This change is also reflected in the table of contents.

Enhanced Energy Plan

1. Changed title page to remove Date 12/11/2019 and updated adopted by Selectboard to 1/13/2020.

J. McNerney moved to adopt the 2020-2028 Monkton Town Plan including the Enhanced Energy Plan. M. Kelley seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0. This will be voted on at Town Meeting by Australian Ballot.

MONKTON TOWN ROAD AND BRIDGE STANDARD

The state has changed the road and bridge standards and requires a new form to match. Ben Hollwedel and S. Pilcher updated the Town's road and bridge standards form to bring into compliance. **B. Martin made a motion to adopt the updated town road and bridge standards as shown in the new form. J. McNerney seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.**

RECYCLING HAULING

S. Pilcher noted that Wade Acker is interested in doing the hauling of the dumpsters from our recycling center.

DECLARATION OF OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN EXPENDITURES FROM PROCEEDS OF INDEBTEDNESS

Per S. Pilcher, this allows the Town to capture expenditures on the proposed Municipal building that we have prior to the bond vote, so that if a bond vote is passed, the town can be reimbursed for them from the proceeds of the bond.

B. Martin made a motion to accept the Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Certain Expenditures From Proceeds of Indebtedness. J. McNerney seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.

DRAFT TOWN MEETING WARNING

The Board reviewed the draft Town Meeting Warning. There are 5 articles to be voted on by Australian Ballot. S. Pilcher asked the Town Clerk to make sure we can put all those articles on the electronic ballot. Article 5 & 6 have not been finished yet. The VT Gas Question (Article 11) per the Town Attorney is considered a "Public Question" and must be voted on at Town Meeting. S. Pilcher noted that as soon as budget numbers are known the Board will vote on an official warning.

2020 BUDGET

The Board reviewed the proposed budget line by line. S. Pilcher noted that the delinquent tax number is getting high and it may be time for a tax sale. It was noted that the judicial fines line is lower than usual. Ben Hollwedel (Road Foreman) will be at the next meeting to discuss the highway budget. Tires is a new line-previously tires was spread through different lines. The library budget is up. S. Pilcher is going to ask someone to come to a meeting to explain.

OLD BUSINESS:

PUBLIC INFORMATION PAGE

No action taken.

INFRINGEMENT OF ROW ON JOCKEY LANE

No action taken.

FUTURE TOWN HALL STAFFING

No action taken.

SALVAGE YARDS IN MONKTON

S. Pilcher noted that Kris Perlee has talked with people individually.

TH 36 ROAD RECLASSIFICATION

No action taken.

OTHER BUSINESS:

DETERMINE TIME/DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Monday, January 20, 2020 at 6:00pm at Monkton Town Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

J. McNerney made a motion to adjourn. B. Martin seconded. All voted in favor, 5-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:31pm.