

Monkton Selectboard Meeting  
Monkton Town Hall  
Monday, February 24, 2020  
(Approved 3/9/20)

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

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

**Members Absent:** none

**Others Present:** Will Bown, Betsy Brown (Recording Secretary), Nate Palmer, Jane Palmer, Renee McGuinness

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

This is A. Layn's last meeting as a Selectboard member. A. Layn was thanked for her service by members of the audience and fellow Selectboard members.

**REGULAR BUSINESS:**

APPROVE MINUTES

**M. Kelley moved to approve the minutes of February 10, 2020 as amended (date change 2019 to 2020). J. McNerney seconded. Motion passed by a vote of 5-0-0.**

REVIEW AND APPROVE CHECK WARRANTS

The following check warrants were reviewed and signed:

A/P #00220 2/20/2020 \$55.42

A/P #00219 2/19/2020 \$10,580.40

P/R #00214 2/14/2020 \$11,481.49

A/P #00217 2/17/2020 \$13,219.00

REVIEW AND APPROVE OVERWEIGHT PERMITS, ETC.

The following overweight permits were reviewed and approved:

LaPete Construction

T&C Trucking, LLC

Lawes Agriculture Service, Inc.

Barrett Trucking, Co., Inc.

Spence Excavating & Construction, Inc.

Jackman Fuels, Inc.

Mr. Bult's, Inc.  
VTUMS Vermont Utility Management Services, LLC  
Weston Pulpwood Sales, Inc.  
John G. French & Sons Trucking, Inc.  
S.B. Collins, Inc,  
Mike's Fuels, LLC

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

J. Palmer noted that pages 52 & 53 of the Town Report are identical.

J. Palmer also noted an error in the Selectboard Report on page 25 of the Town Report, 7th paragraph, 2nd sentence, regarding VT Gas. Ms. Palmer noted that that sentence re: safety is not true. S. Pilcher noted that he can make an announcement at Town Meeting regarding this.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### SUBDIVISION PUBLICATION FEE

The Zoning Administrator put a request in to the Selectboard to increase the publication fee for subdivisions from \$25.00 to \$35.00 to cover the cost to publish a notice in the newspaper of record. **M. Kelley made a motion to change the publication fee from \$25.00 to \$35.00. A. Layn seconded. Motion passed by a vote of 5-0-0.**

##### BUILDING COMMITTEE RE:CONSTRUCTION MANAGER HIRE

W. Bown gave an update on the construction manager hire. The committee recommends that the town continue discussions with Naylor & Breen (if a yes bond vote) as they were the standout proposal. The hope is to use as many local contractors as possible. J. Palmer asked that if the bond passes, would there be any changes to the design. S. Pilcher noted that yes, minor changes can be made. What is locked in is the budget. Sizes and square footages are also set. J. Palmer asked what happens if it doesn't pass. It was noted that nothing has been decided at this point.

##### ROTAX ROAD FROST HEAVE

S. Pilcher noted that he hasn't had a chance to draft the letter that was talked about at the last meeting. He is planning on getting it done and will copy the PUC. J. Palmer noted that she thinks it's important to involve the PUC.

## TOWN MEETING PREP

The Board went over some anticipated questions that will be asked at Town Meeting. The warning was published in the Addison Independent.

S. Pilcher spoke with the VT Bond bank today re: the bond for the new town hall. They said that the Town needs a full audit if they were to apply for a bond (previously, they had stated that a “review” was satisfactory, and that a full audit was not necessary, but the rules have changed since then). However, the town can get a Bond Anticipation Note. Another possibility is wait until the 2021 construction season.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### PUBLIC INFORMATION PAGE

No action taken.

### INFRINGEMENT OF ROW ON JOCKEY LANE

S. Pilcher emailed the Town Attorney about what the Town should have surveyed.

### FUTURE TOWN HALL STAFFING

No action taken.

### SALVAGE YARDS IN MONKTON

No action taken.

### TH 36 ROAD RECLASSIFICATION

No action taken.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

There was discussion regarding political signs and where and where not they can be posted.

### DETERMINE TIME/DATE OF NEXT MEETING

March 9, 2020. 7:00pm at Monkton Town Hall. Will be an organizational meeting for the Select Board.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A. Layn made a motion to adjourn. B. Martin seconded. Motion passed by a vote of 5-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.**