

MONKTON SELECTBOARD MEETING

Monday June 22, 2020

REMOTE MEETING ONLY

(Approved 7/6/2020)

B. Martin called the meeting to order at 7:17pm.

Members Present: Bill Martin, John McNerney, Paul Low, MariKate Kelley (arrived 7:40pm)

Members Absent: Stephen Pilcher

Others Present: Rick Dinkle, Ben Hollwedel, Laura Farrell, Bill Joos, Will Bown, Betsy Brown (Recording Secretary)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

P. Low noted that Stephanie Murray will be leaving the Rec Committee as she has taken a new teaching position in Quechee. He also noted that John Brace has resigned from the Rec Committee.

The Selectboard meetings are being recorded and being put on the Town website. The link to access the recordings is here: <http://monktonvt.com/town-hall/select-board/select-board-recordings/>

A link to the recordings can also be found on the website of NEAT-TV.
<https://neatbristol.com/>

REGULAR BUSINESS

APPROVE MINUTES

P. Low made a motion to approve the minutes of June 8, 2020. J.

McNerney seconded. Motion passed by a vote of 3-0-0 (M. Kelley had not arrived yet).

REVIEW AND APPROVE CHECK WARRANTS

J. McNerney made a motion to approve Check Warrant P/R #00622 in the amount of \$9,054.92. P. Low seconded. Motion passed by a vote of 3-0-0 (M. Kelley had not arrived yet).

J. McNerney made a motion to approve Check Warrant A/P #00618 in the amount of \$59,482.06. P. Low seconded. Motion passed by a vote of 3-0-0

(M. Kelley had not arrived yet).

REVIEW AND APPROVE OVERWEIGHT PERMITS, ETC.

The following overweight permits were reviewed and signed:

- Keven Brown dba Mountain Edge Excavation
- Conant Trucking
- Paul Fournier

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS:

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

B. Martin noted that Mike French was going to speak with the former Animal Control officer. B. Martin noted that he has not heard from Mr. French.

ADDISON COUNTY SHERIFF UPDATE

A letter from the sheriff noted that they now have someone on duty 24/7.

Due to complaints of repeated speeding in the Parks Hurlburt & Old Stage Road area, the Town will ask to the sheriff to increase patrols in that area.

HIGHWAY DEPT STATUS

B. Hollwedel noted that FEMA came and did a site visit at Piney Woods Rd and at the Mountain Road culvert. FEMA will provide a written report and a cost assessment in a couple of weeks. B. Martin also wanted to pass on to B. Hollwedel that S. Pilcher has asked if there is any room in the highway budget to make cuts. B. Hollwedel noted that it might be possible to delay repaving currently planned for Mountain Road and Hardscrabble Road. P. Low asked about waiting another year. Ben noted that they can patch it up and it would be OK for a while. Ben noted that there are no grants covering this work, since we are not eligible this year. We could save approximately \$100k by postponing this work. B. Martin asked if the decision should be made tonight or wait until there is a full board. It was decided that the discussion would continue to the next meeting.

BUILDING ENVELOPE COMMISSIONING CONTRACT

BGH Integrated Services for \$8,620.00 to do all the review of building envelope details (relating to energy efficiency). B. Martin is unsure what this is for. \$8,000.00 was budgeted. W. Bown explained that it's good to have an independent 3rd party

representing the Town to ensure that the project is meeting the energy code. P. Low asked if this charge was included as part of the bid proposal. W. Bown said no, it wasn't in the Naylor & Breen item, but was in the total project budget. P. Low asked that if Naylor & Breen is doing their job, then why do we need this? W. Bown noted that because it's a municipal building, those involved agreed that a 3rd party review would be a good idea. It's typical for this sort of construction. P. Low noted that the builder is liable, and wondered if the 3rd party inspection is necessary and a reasonable use of money. B. Martin asked if this was bid out or someone that Naylor and Breen/Bellwether suggested. W. Bown said that this is someone that Bellwether has done a lot of work with. B. Martin asked if this was something that happened at the end of construction. W. Bown said yes. M. Kelley asked if the testing is just for building code requirements or contractual requirements. P. Low said it would be building energy codes. M. Kelley was wondering if our contract has higher requirements than the state codes. W. Bown noted that this proposal also is that they get involved in the final drawing review...another set of eyes to ensure that all touch points are all closed in both the drawing/development stage and at the end construction stage. M. Kelley felt that having a 3rd party review can be helpful. **J. McNerney moved to accept the proposal BGH Integrated Services \$8620.00 M. Kelley seconded.** M. Kelley noted that this agreement is with Bellwether and feels the proposal needs to be revised. The way she reads it is that the client is Bellwether, not the Town. **J. McNerney made a motion to amend the motion to add "subject to changing to reflect an agreement with the town of Monkton". M. Kelley seconded. All voted in favor of the motion as amended. 4-0-0.**

REVIEW DELINQUENT TAX POLICY FOR TEMPORARY CHANGES

Our current policy is 1% interest for the first 3 months, then 1.5% thereafter. B. Joos is proposing that the 1% interest period be extended for a period of time from 3mo to 6 mo and then 1.5% interest thereafter. He also suggests waiving the 8% late fee. M. Kelley noted that there appears to be some legislation in the works in Montpelier and suggests we hold off on voting until what we see comes out of Montpelier. Everyone agreed to continue this discussion at a future meeting.

TAX ANTICIPATION LOAN AND BOND ANTICIPATION LOAN

B. Joos noted the terms of the TAN are 1.7% at \$375K line of credit w/interest not applying until money is used. Must be paid back by year end. J. McNerney then read the proposed resolution.

J. McNerney moved to approve the resolution as read with the insertion of S. Pilcher, Selectboard Chair in the blank space.

M. Kelley seconded. All voted in favor 4-0-0.

Regarding the Bond Anticipation note...no update at this time because the VT Municipal

Bond Bank is holding its meeting this Thursday and the last outstanding item for the bank is the Bond Bank's approval of the Town's submission.

NEW TOWN OFFICES AND LIBRARY STATUS

S. Pilcher was not present to give an update. B. Brown noted that the project received Conditional Use approval from the DRB.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR STATUS RE: COVID-19

Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS:

INFRINGEMENT OF ROW ON JOCKEY LANE

J. McNerney did a site visit with the Town Attorney. He has since spoken with the town Attorney to discussion options for resolving this issue. The attorney suggested that the Town bring a surveyor in. J. McNerney spoke with the surveyor (Tim Short) who will touch base with the attorney to coordinate what is needed. The Surveyor will present a proposal to the Board for researching and surveying the center line is. P. Low asked what this will this cost. J. McNerney noted that this is what will be presented in the surveyor's proposal. J. McNerney disclosed that he will be using the same surveyor to do work on his land and suggested that they come for the same trip and that J. McNerney would pay the travel cost out of his own pocket, saving the town a little money.

SALVAGE YARDS IN MONKTON

No action taken

TH 36 ROAD RECLASSIFICATION

No action taken

TOWN CREDIT CARD AND POLICY

M. Kelley noted that S. Pilcher has a draft to look at and give her feedback so they can finalize for the Board.

CLOUD STORAGE AND POLICY

No action taken

OTHER BUSINESS:

J. McNerney will try to touch base stop and speak with the resident on Old Stage Rd about their speeding and safety concerns on the road.

DETERMINE TIME/DATE OF NEXT MEETING

July 13, 2020 at 7pm. There was discussion as to whether this would be an in person meeting vs. Zoom meeting. M. Kelley felt that if there was in in-person meeting there should be a ZOOM option available as well. After some discussion it was decided to have it be a ZOOM meeting only.

ADJOURNMENT

J. McNerney moved to adjourn. M. Kelley seconded. Motion passed 4-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy Brown
Recording Secretary