

MONKTON SELECTBOARD MEETING

Monday August 24, 2020

(Approved 9/14/20)

REMOTE MEETING ONLY – Meeting will be recorded and recording posted

S. Pilcher called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Selectboard Members Present: Stephen Pilcher, Marikate Kelley, Paul Low, John McNerney

Selectboard Members Absent: Bill Martin

Others Present: Jaime Schulte, Theresa Schwegel, Betsy Brown (Recording Secretary)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

S. Pilcher noted a letter from the Vermont State Police talking about re-examination of policing.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

APPROVE MINUTES

J. McNerney moved to approve the minutes of August 10, 2020 as written. P. Low seconded. All voted in favor. Motion passed 4-0-0.

REVIEW AND APPROVE CHECK WARRANTS

J. McNerney moved to approve check warrant A/P #00812, dated 8/12/2020, in the amount of \$75,439.97. M. Kelley seconded. All voted in favor. Motion passed 4-0-0.

J. McNerney moved to approve check warrant P/R #00817, dated 8/17/2020, in the amount of \$9,646.02. P. Low seconded. All voted in favor. Motion passed 4-0-0.

REVIEW AND APPROVE OVERWEIGHT PERMITS, ETC.

The following overweight permits were reviewed and signed:

-Saunders Trucking

PUBLIC COMMENT

J. Schulte has expressed concerns about indoor meetings now that the weather

will be turning. He suggested that masks be mandatory for indoor meetings. There will be zoom options available for people who don't want to meet in person.

B. Brown noted that to make hybrid in person/zoom meetings to work an external camera and microphone would be needed.

J. Schulte also noted that the trash hauler at the recycling center could use more work to tighten up contactless transfer of trash/money if he is not going to be wearing a mask. P. Low asked for specifics of J. Schulte's experience at recycling. J. Schulte summarized. J. McNerney mentioned hearing similar reports from other residents. The pattern seems to be that the drop off period starts with good practices, but things break down toward the end.

NEW BUSINESS:

LETTER OF SUPPORT GRANT APPLICATION FOR ADA DOOR OPENERS
M. Kelley drafted a letter of support on behalf of the Selectboard for a grant application for ADA door openers for the library/town hall. T. Schwegel noted that this grant would double what has already been raised by the Capital Campaign. The amount would be about \$20,000.00.

J. McNerney moved to submit the letter written by M. Kelley to the Vermont Department of Building and General Services Human Services and Educational Facilities Grant Program to seek a grant for door openers, equipment & library furniture. M. Kelley seconded. M. Kelley noted her thanks to the building committee and library board for all their great work. **All voted in favor. Motion passed 4-0-0**

INSURANCE CLAIM

This is regarding an insurance claim for \$404.09 for a vehicle that was traveling on a town road when stones fell from a Monkton Town truck and damaged the windshield. **J. McNerney made a motion to approve PACIF invoice 20200447-A01 in the amount of \$404.09. P. Low seconded. A roll call vote was taken**

P. Low - aye

M. Kelley- abstain as she does some work for VLCT

J. McNerney - aye

S. Pilcher - aye

Motion passed 3-0-1

SET 2020 MUNICIPAL TAX RATE

This will be discussed at a special meeting yet to be set.

BUDGET STATUS REPORT

This will be discussed at the above mentioned special meeting yet to be set.

NORTH POND ROAD RECLASSIFICATION

S. Pilcher had a conversation with the Town Attorney who noted that his advice was to make it a town trail and not discontinue the road. S. Pilcher shared a draft of a Notice of Hearing that will be printed in the Addison Independent and given to all adjacent land owners via certified mail. M. Kelley moved to approve the warning on reclassification of Pond Road and give the Board Chair authority to modify the dates therein in order to ensure that there is a 30 day notice. J. McNerney seconded. All voted in favor.

BUILDERS RISK TERRORISM COVERAGE

The Town has been asked by Acadia Insurance if the Town wants Builders Risk Terrorism Coverage. The fee is \$12 per month through 12/31/2020 and \$20 per month after 12/31/2020. **P. Low moved to accept the Terrorism Coverage. J. McNerney seconded. All voted in favor. 4-0-0**

REVIEW DELINQUENT TAX POLICY FOR TEMPORARY CHANGES

Will be taken up when all members present. No action taken.

NEW TOWN OFFICES AND LIBRARY STATUS

S. Pilcher noted that work has begun. He also noted that he has been working on how to sell the old town hall and Russell Memorial Library Building. There is some question as to whether the town hall parcel is shared with the abutting Monkton Ridge Cemetery Assn. Kris Perlee (ZA) has done some research and found a deed that noted that the town owns the land it sits on and the land out to the street. S. Pilcher will get a title search done. M. Kelley and J. McNerney noted that it may not be a title search that is needed, just an opinion on whether or not it sits on its own land and can be sold.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR STATUS RE: COVID-19

No action taken

OLD BUSINESS:

INFRINGEMENT OF ROW ON JOCKEY LANE

J. McNerney noted that Tim Short, Surveyor and the Town Attorney have discussed what they feel is the best way forward. It is suggested that the surveyor indicate the centerline of the road as it existed ruling previous property surveys. The cost would be \$3,795.00. The Town Attorney will also be drafting a letter to the land owners who have allegedly shifted the road. S. Pilcher asked if this would come out the legal budget. J. McNerney said to check with the treasurer as the surveyor is not a lawyer, but it is addressing a legal issue.

M. Kelley made a motion to approve proposal for Land surveying Services from Short Surveying, Inc. to resurvey and monument a section of Jockey Lane for an amount of \$3,795. P. Low seconded. A roll call vote was taken:

P. Low - aye

J. McNerney- abstain as he shares a corner with the area in question

M. Kelley - aye

S. Pilcher -aye

Motion passed by a vote of 3-0-1

SALVAGE YARDS IN MONKTON

S. Pilcher noted that there has been no further action. He also noted that one of the properties in question seems to be accumulating more “junk”.

TH 36 ROAD RECLASSIFICATION

M. Kelley suggested waiting until after Pond Road is done to see how the process goes. Others agreed.

TOWN CREDIT CARD AND POLICY

No action taken

CLOUD STORAGE AND POLICY

No action taken

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

DETERMINE TIME/DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting is Sept 14th, 2020 at 7pm.

ADJOURNMENT

M. Kelley moved to adjourn. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Betsy Brown