

MONKTON SELECTBOARD
Minutes
DATE: Monday April 26, 2021
(Approved 5/10/21)

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

Member Present: Stephen Pilcher (Chair), Marikate Kelley, Bill Martin, Paul Low, John McNerney (arrived at 7:07pm).

Members Absent:

Others Present: Eric Conroy, Wanda Conroy, Betsy Brown, Recording Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

S. Pilcher noted that there is a test site up to operate NEMRC remotely. Town Office personnel are looking at it and evaluating it.

REGULAR BUSINESS

MINUTES

M. Kelley made a motion to approve the minutes of April 12, 2021 as amended. P. Low seconded. All voted in favor. Motion passed by a vote of 4-0-0. (J. McNerney had not yet arrived)

REVIEW AND APPROVE CHECK WARRANTS

B. Martin made a motion to approve A/P #10412 in the amount of \$19,142.30. J. McNerney seconded. All voted in favor.

M. Kelley made a motion to approve A/P #10423 in the amount of \$17,650.56. J. McNerney seconded. All voted in favor.

M. Kelley made a motion to approve A/P #10424 in the amount of \$154,357.40. J. McNerney seconded. Construction services from Naylor & Breen per S. Pilcher. M. Kelley asked about the budget. **All voted in favor.**

P. Low made a motion to approve P/R #10426 in the amount of \$7518,87. B. Martin seconded. All voted in favor.

REVIEW AND APPROVE OVERWEIGHT PERMITS

The following overweight permits were reviewed and signed:

- Arlan Pidgeon
- Nezing Excavating
- Sherman Jewett
- Steve Rogers
- Lewis Excavating, LLC

- Jeffrey K. Palin
- Ross Orvis
- Driscoll Brothers Excavating, LLC
- Conant Trucking
- D&M Petroleum, Inc.
- K. Pope & Sons, Inc.
- All-Star Fuels, LLC
- Timothy Morse Trucking, LLC
- Mike Morse Trucking, LLC

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW APPOINTMENTS

J. McNerney asked S. Pilcher to verify that who he has on the building committee is correct.

J. McNerney noted that Prem Lensky would like to join the Conservation Committee (with the CC's recommendation) with a term expiring March 2023. This would extend the size of the CC to 7. He also noted that Deb Gaynor asked that Paul Low be listed among one of the Green Up Coordinator so he can be recognized for his efforts. **J. McNerney moved to increase the size of the Conservation Committee to 7, and appoint Prem Lensky to a seat expiring March 2023 and also appoint Paul Low to a one year term as co-coordinator for Green Up Day. M. Kelley seconded. All voted in favor.**

J. McNerney noted the following have not been filled as of yet:

Lister

Emergency Management Director

Health Officer

Animal Control Officer

Alternate on ANAC

Energy Committee

Addison County Regional Planning & Transportation Advisory Committees

J. McNerney moved to appoint Stephen Pilcher to the 1 year term as Emergency Management Director and Stephen Pilcher & Wendy Sue Harper as reps to ACRPC and Stephen Pilcher as alternate to the transportation advisory committee. M. Kelley seconded. All voted in favor.

S. Pilcher noted that the Town really needs to attract an Animal Control Officer. M. Kelley feels it is partly the pay scale and partly the job itself. J. McNerney suggested advertising the job as "salary negotiable".

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY AT WENDLAND COMMUNICATIONS

S. Pilcher shared a draft letter to the PUC. The Board discussed 2 versions of the last paragraph. It was decided to blend the 2 paragraphs together. **B. Martin moved to approve the letter as revised. P. Low seconded. All voted in favor.**

REVIEW LETTER FROM ACRPC RE: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS

S. Pilcher shared a letter from Addison County Regional Planning regarding the American Rescue Plan funding. A fair chunk is headed for Monkton, approximately \$590,000.00 which will come in 2 pieces. It is still unclear what limitations will be put on what this money can be used for. S. Pilcher noted that Maple Broadband will be visiting a future Selectboard meeting to ask for a substantial part of that money to support expanding broadband infrastructure in Monkton. M. Kelley suggested reaching out to the various town committees for ideas and suggestions. Would also like to see some community engagement.

NEW TOWN OFFICES AND LIBRARY STATUS

Waitsfield Champlain Valley Telecom has essentially matched Comcast's price on internet service but will be giving us more than Comcast does. Phones will be VOIP. Otter Creek Engineering will be handling the public water supply permitting and testing. Water and electricity are on. There is a lot of site work that still needs to be done including paving the parking lot. The estimated move in date is May 27th. The Fire Alarm needs a company to monitor it and the low water light and high septic light. B. Martin noted that there is a company in Stowe that does this for approximately \$195/year. B. Martin noted that usually that arrangement is made with the alarm installer.

OLD BUSINESS

SALVAGE YARDS IN MONKTON

No action taken

TOWN CREDIT CARD AND POLICY

No action taken

CLOUD STORAGE AND POLICY

S. Pilcher noted that Dominion Tech recommends Microsoft Teams.

OTHER BUSINESS

J. McNerney asked/noted that there are appointments that the SB doesn't make (Asst Town Clerk, Assistant Librarian, etc) and asked that people review the names to make sure that they are still current.

JT Vincent accepted the Town's officer is now a member of the road crew.

S. Pilcher stated that Shane Lawrence (Road Foreman) emailed about getting a truck for the road foreman to use to go to job sites instead of paying mileage. S. Pilcher noted that he should go find some used trucks and come back to the Selectboard with some numbers.

DETERMINE DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is May 10th at 7pm.

ADJOURNMENT

M. Kelley moved to adjourn. P. Low seconded. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.