

Town of Monkton  
Selectboard Minutes  
Monday, May 10, 2021 7:00pm  
Via ZOOM  
(Approved 5/24/21)

S. Pilcher called the meeting to order at 7:06pm

**Members Present:** Stephen Pilcher (Chair), Bill Martin, John McNerney, Paul Low, Marikate Kelley (arrived late)

**Members Absent:** none

**Others Present:** none

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

S. Pilcher took a couple calls about the lack of crowning on dirt roads.

**REGULAR BUSINESS:**

APPROVE MINUTES

**J. McNerney moved to approve the minutes of April 26 2021 as written. P. Low seconded. All voted in favor. Motion passed 4-0-0.**

REVIEW AND APPROVE CHECK WARRANTS

**B. Martin made a motion to approve A/P 10430 in the amount of \$3,612.28. J. McNerney seconded. All voted in favor. Motion passed 4-0-0.**

The check warrant A/P 10504 in the amount of \$48,149.20 was discussed. B. Martin asked about the Staples charge. S. Pilcher noted that that is for the Zoning Administrator. B. Martin also asked about the purchase of the traffic lights. He noted that he doesn't remember approving that. S. Pilcher looked at the budget and the line item does appear in there. **B. Martin moved to approve check warrant A/P 10504 in the amount of \$48,149.20. J. McNerney seconded. All voted in favor. Motion passed 4-0-0.**

REVIEW AND APPROVE OVERWEIGHT PERMITS, ETC.

The following overweight permits were reviewed and signed:

- Matt Atkins Property
- United Natural Food, Inc.
- Heffernan Brothers Aggregate
- Mitchell Excavating (Timothy Mitchell)
- Timothy Paquette

-Richard Cowles, LLC  
-A. Duie Pyle, Inc.  
-Joseph L. Bissonnette II

1 was rejected for no insurance

PUBLIC COMMENT None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### REVIEW APPOINTMENTS

S. Pilcher noted that Robin Hopps would like to be reappointed to another 3 year term as Health Officer. **P. Low made a motion to appoint Robin Hopps as Health officer to a 3 year term ending March 2024. B. Martin seconded. All voted in favor. Motion passed 4-0-0.**

#### ACO COMPENSATION

B. Martin noted he wrote to 4 surrounding towns ACO to see what they pay. The SB decided to table this discussion until they have a candidate.

#### AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS – IDEAS, PROCESS

S. Pilcher noted he'll send a note about this to all the different committees to get their ideas. He noted he stopped by the Planning Commission to discuss a couple "pie in the sky" ideas, specifically around water and sewer or other infrastructure. Also discussed the possibility of a development fund. P. Low noted that maybe Peter Welch's office may be a good place to contact for more info. He also mentioned Maple Run Broadband, and also subsidizing start ups for child care. P. Low also noted that the Selectboard should reach out to the community via mailing to solicit ideas.

#### JANITORIAL SERVICE FOR NEW BUILDING

S. Pilcher wanted to talk about how often janitorial service would be needed. S. Pilcher will get a quote.

#### ROAD FOREMAN TRUCK

B. Martin got some quotes from the Road Foreman. The state has bidding contracts for towns and the best price was just over \$39K. Even though what the foreman gets paid in gas & mileage is the same as what a truck payment would be, there is a question as to whether the purchase of a truck would have to go before the voters as a capital expense. P. Low asked about renting or leasing a vehicle. J. McNerney noted that it's worth looking into but is worried about the mileage charges on a lease, which could easily end up being more expensive.

## WAITSFIELD TELECOM NETWORK AND PHONE SERVICES

S. Pilcher got a quote for internet/phones and hooking up network for \$3K which is lower than the other 3 vendors he has been talking to. J. McNerney suggested reaching out to Mark Boltz-Robinson if he needed advice on security issues.

## OFFER FOR A .GOV DOMAIN ADDRESS

Came from the State of VT. They will handle domain registration. S. Pilcher noted that he hasn't had a chance to read through the details.

## FIREWALL BIDS

No bids yet. S. Pilcher noted he'll ask the companies he's been speaking with.

## IT SERVICES

S. Pilcher noted that he feels we are currently paying too much money.

## NEW TOWN OFFICES AND LIBRARY STATUS

Move in date is 5/27. The vault door will move on 5/25. The move will be a volunteer effort. The lot will be paved before the move. He thinks town hall may not be functional for at least a week during the move.

Marikate Kelley arrived. S. Pilcher updated her on what happened at the meeting before her arrival.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### SALVAGE YARDS IN MONKTON

No action taken

### TOWN CREDIT CARD AND POLICY

No action taken

### CLOUD STORAGE AND POLICY

S. Pilcher has been looking into Microsoft Teams. J. McNerney asked if Google is in the running. S. Pilcher said no because if you are not a member of the "google environment" you can't really play. The purpose of this is to have a place to archive data and to have a way to pass large files.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

B. Martin will be meeting with the Road Foreman weekly for a bit and then once or twice a month going forward for continuity.

Getting complaints about the crown not being right in the roads.

Also beavers are causing a mess on Hollow near Rotax. The road foreman was given permission from the Warden to take care of the beavers, but also need Selectboard approval. S. Pilcher said he would put it on the next agenda.

M. Kelley noted that given recent events in Hinesburg that maybe the town should have a social media policy.

J. McNerney noted he got 2 calls regarding roads...specifically Boro Hill, Hardscrabble & Barnum and lack of crown, erosion issues, potholes.

DETERMINE TIME/DATE OF NEXT MEETING

May 24th at 7:00pm via Zoom.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**J. McNerney moved to adjourn. All voted in favor.** Meeting adjourned 8:35