

MONKTON SELECTBOARD MEETING

DATE: Monday June 28, 2021

(Approved 7/12/21)

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

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

Others Present: Jessica Demeritt, Peter Straube, Betsy Brown (Recording Secretary)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

S. Pilcher announced that John Philips passed away.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

APPROVE MINUTES

J. McNerney moved to approve the minutes of June 14, 2021 as written. B. Martin seconded. All voted in favor.

REVIEW AND APPROVE CHECK WARRANTS

M. Kelley made a motion to approve P/R #10621 in the amount of \$9275,05. J. McNerney seconded. All voted in favor.

P. Low made a motion to approve A/P 10628 \$27,413.14. B. Martin seconded. B. Martin asked about the expense to Adam Crary. P. Low noted that this was a cumulative amount for the little league program. B. Martin also asked about the Sheriff line which is a net loss. **All voted in favor.**

REVIEW AND APPROVE OVERWEIGHT PERMITS, ETC.

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

J. Demerett asked if there was a cemetery commission. S. Pilcher said no, though the Ridge Cemetery does have an association.

NEW BUSINESS:

CAULFIELD CURB CUT - BRISTOL ROAD

B. Martin noted that the Road Foreman said the site looks good. **J. McNerney made a motion to approve the Caulfield Curb Cut Application conditional on complying with any culvert requirement from the Road Foreman and upon receiving subdivision approval from the DRB. M. Kelley seconded. Motion passed 4-0-1. B. Martin abstained.**

BACON CURB CUT – 697 HARDSCRABBLE

S. Pilcher noted that this is a 2nd curb cut but in discussion with the Road Foreman that it would be in the best interest in the town to grant the curb cut. The 2nd curb cut would provide an access for the owner's business vehicles. S. Pilcher noted that it is the Selectboards policy to not allow 2nd curb cuts, except in unusual circumstances. M. Kelley asked about discontinuing the original curb cut. P. Low said no, that probably won't work. S. Pilcher noted that the grade may be an issue, dumping water and gravel onto the town road. Any curb cut should include designing the approach meet driveway standards avoiding this issue. **B. Martin made a motion to approve Mr. Bacon's 2nd curb cut to access to his garage conditional that it must meet current driveway standards. P. Low seconded. All voted in favor.**

REVIEW APPOINTMENTS

No action taken

ACO COMPENSATION

No action taken

COMMUNITY ROOM USE – POLICIES AND PROCEDURES – P. STRAUBE

P. Straube shared a draft of an Event Space policy. There are 2 sections. Use and Rental Info, and operational details. The big questions are what type of activities are permitted and how to prioritize the use of the room. Another question is alcohol consumption. B. Martin stated that he is against non-resident and commercial use. P. Straube mentioned to keep in mind any expenses that may be incurred by having an event (cleaning, etc.). It was noted that allowing food in the large meeting room is a problem with the carpeted floor. Insurance also needs to be looked into.

S. Pilcher asked about alcohol in public buildings. J. McNerney noted he doesn't feel comfortable discussing this until we consult with our insurance carrier for their recommendations. S. Pilcher noted that no alcohol will be allowed for now until a formal policy is established.

P. Straube noted that Hinesburg has a good policy. M. Kelley noted that she knows the

person in Hinesburg that is in charge of their community space and will speak with her for any advice/feedback.

P. Low suggested using Team UP for scheduling.

It was decided that since this is a work in progress for now it will only be available for public interest events for now and no alcohol involved. The Selectboard will act as the gatekeepers for now as well.

GMP – PETITION TO BUILD IN TOWN ROW

Green Mountain Power is seeking permission to locate some power lines and associated equipment on Higbee Road. **M. Kelley moved to approve the GMP petition for building the town right of way. J. McNerney seconded. Motion passed by a vote of 4-1-0.**

RECYCLING COORDINATOR

J. Demeritt noted that she is a little upset that she spent so much time finding someone and then that person quit after 2 months. The former volunteer also stated to J. Demeritt that she felt as though she didn't have much support from the Selectboard. J. Demeritt is concerned that there is now no one to run the recycling center. J. Demeritt would like to know how this can be made better. B. Brown suggested having a specified SB person be a liaison to the recycling coordinator. J. McNerney offered to be that person but is not offering to be the coordinator. J. Demeritt suggested trying to form a recycling committee. S. Pilcher noted to go forth with forming one. J. Demeritt also noted that she will ask someone she knows to build an easel for signage.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS – IDEAS, PROCESS, DISCUSS FORMING A COMMITTEE

S. Pilcher would like to create a committee to go through the multiple suggestions the Board has already received and also try and solicit more ideas from the public. M. Kelley noted that such a committee would need to figure out how to get the rest of the community in the discussion.

JANITORIAL SERVICE FOR NEW BUILDING

S. Pilcher noted that there is one candidate so far. S. Pilcher noted that he will reach out to the person who cleans the old town hall. This will include mopping floors, cleaning bathrooms, etc. It is thought to have this service done once a week. The library will be having their own cleaning service that will be paid out of their budget.

TRASH AND RECYCLING

There are 2 quotes. One from Casella and Acker. Every other week trash and recycling pick up. **B. Martin made a motion to accept the trash and recycling quote from Wade Acker. J. McNerney seconded. All voted in favor.**

IT SERVICES

No action taken

NEW TOWN OFFICES AND LIBRARY STATUS

S. Pilcher noted that the bollards will be replaced with downward facing lighting. B. Martin will be buying a flag. B. Martin also offered to pay for a new sign for the Town Hall. The construction of the patio has been put out to bid again. S. Pilcher noted that there needs to be a community board for posting meeting agendas etc. P. Low noted that he could create a bulletin board for Morse Park/Dog Park area for posting town announcements.

OLD BUSINESS:

MONKTON FIRST RESPONSE AND ADDISON COUNTY SHERIFF

J. McNerney noted that he has not reached out to our legislators yet.

SALVAGE YARDS IN MONKTON

No action taken

TOWN CREDIT CARD AND POLICY

S. Pilcher will have the Treasurer get a credit card for on going online expenses (web hosting etc)

CLOUD STORAGE AND POLICY

No action taken

OTHER BUSINESS:

B. Martin noted that there was a complaint about the signs in the triangle at Davis Rd/Silver St intersection. B. Martin noted that he will reach out to the folks involved and ask them to move the signs

M. Kelley noted that she has not signed anything re: the tractor loan

P. Low noted that Shane has asked about how to go about selling the old tractor. B. Martin will ask Shane to write up a description of the equipment and get it advertised.

July 12 is next meeting at 7pm

M Kelley moved to adjourn. B. Martin seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:14pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Betsy Brown