

MONKTON SELECTBOARD MEETING
AGENDA
Tuesday March 8, 2022
(Approved 3/22/22)

The meeting was called to order by Stephen Pilcher at 7:00pm.

Members in attendance: Paul Low, Stephen Pilcher, Bill Martin, John McNerney

Members absent: Marikate Kelley

Others attending: Jessica Demeritt (recording secretary)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

none

ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: 7:00- 7:15

ELECT CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR, SECRETARY

B. Martin nominated S. Pilcher as Chair J. McNerney seconded.

P. Low nominated B. Martin as Vice-Chair McNerney seconded.

B. Martin nominated J. McNerney for Secretary. P. Low seconded.

All voted in favor of approving the slate.

SET REGULAR MEETING DAYS, TIMES, PLACE

Currently Select Board meetings are the second and fourth Tuesdays. There is a preference for Monday meetings, but the switch to Tuesdays was made to accommodate the DRB/ZA's schedule. **J. McNerney moved to meet the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. P. Low second. All voted in favor**

DESIGNATE NEWSPAPER OF RECORD AND POSTING LOCATIONS FOR AGENDA AND PUBLIC MEETING NOTICES

The designated newspaper of record is the Addison independent.

The posting locations are inside and outside town offices and the post office. An outdoor posting place at the post office would be helpful.

REVIEW SELECTBOARD PROCEDURES

none

REGULAR BUSINESS:

APPROVE MINUTES

J. McNerney moved to approve the minutes of February 22, 2022 as written. B. Martin seconded. All voted in favor.

J. McNerney voted to approve the minutes of the public informational meeting 2/26/22 as amended. B. Martin seconded. All voted in favor.

REVIEW AND APPROVE CHECK WARRANTS

B. Martin moved to approve AP 20228 in the amount of \$10,685.85. P. Low seconded. All voted in favor.

J. McNerney moved to approve PR 20228 in the amount of \$11,256.83. P. Low seconded. All voted in favor.

B. Martin moved to approve AP 20308 in the amount of \$21,501.37. P. Low seconded. All voted in favor.

REVIEW AND APPROVE OVERWEIGHT PERMITS

ACKER EXCAVATING LLC

ADAM LAFOUNTAIN (ADAMS TRUCKING INC)

BARRETT TRUCKING CO., INC.

CASELLA WASTE

CHAMPLAIN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. / BEAR DOG INTERPRISES

CLARK-WRIGHT SEPTIC SERVICE

DUPUIS & SON SAWDUST INC

FYLES BROTHERS INC

JOHN G FRENCH & SONS

KENNEDY EXCAVATION

KENT NUTRITION GROUP

G. STONE COMMERCIAL

MIKE'S FUEL, LLC

MUNSON EARTH MOVING CORP

ONSITE SEPTIC SOLUTIONS LLC

PHOENIX FEEDS & NUTRITION, INC.

S & J STERNS, INC

VELCO

DON WESTON EXCAVATING

ROBERT GABORIAULT – RED CEDAR TRUCKING

DEBISSCHOP EXCAVATING, LLC

CARDINAL LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT CORPORATION

GREEN MOUNTAIN SITE WORKS, LLC

PUBLIC COMMENT

none

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVE NEW PAY RATES

Currently we have one Lister. S. Burr and B. Wisnoski are keeping the paperwork going while not being Listers. The Listers need to go through the town checklist. Being a lister at this time in Monkton is a data entry job.

B. Martin moved that the town of Monkton pay rates are approved. J. McNerney seconded. All voted in favor.

REVIEW LIST OF APPOINTMENTS

J. McNerney noted that it would be helpful if incumbents interested in reappointment to town positions would reach out; that would be appreciated. S. Pilcher suggested that the town administrator position needs a job description before advertising for it. J. McNerney asked how many hours and how long the term would be for a town administrator. There was a discussion that positions are employees-at-will and can be removed from a position regardless of term length. J. McNerney wanted to make sure that we are clear where the boundaries are between the Town Clerk's responsibilities, the Town Administrator and the Selectboard. He noted that all appointed positions must be advertised. P. Low asked if an appointed individual never participates, how is that handled. J. McNerney stated that the Selectboard should consider that person not eligible for re-appointment. S. Pilcher said he would try to get the ad up tomorrow.

1859 TOWN HALL STATUS

S. Pilcher will have a list of funders and grants sometime in the future. J. McNerney asked if the town was applying for the grants or the Monkton Historical Society. He asked if the grants would require the town to retain ownership of the building. B. Martin thought there may be some truth to that. S. Pilcher has found a painter who will do the work for \$9,000. There was concern that the person must be certified to work with lead paint. P. Low said he will determine the liability for the town regarding certification or not. S. Pilcher said there is nothing in the budget for the painting; the town voted to delay selling the building but what can the town do with it at present? P. Low believes a certified painting job would be very expensive. He noted that historic restoration is not cheap. He is concerned about the future costs of the building. The big question is: what is the town doing with the 1859 building?

ARPA FUNDS STATUS / PROCESS

S. Pilcher said there are a number of proposals and more coming in. He would like to set up a process to score each proposal. The proposed score card items from S. Pilcher: 1) chance of success, 2) number of Monkton residents who will be impacted, 3) time horizon of positive effect: when will it start and how long will it last, 4) local versus county - how close is that positive effect, 5) ongoing costs commitment, 6) how much support does it have, 7) what is available for grants and matching, 8) how many people are committed, 9) how much money is being requested.

S. Pilcher suggested that each board member create a scorecard. J. McNerney suggested the overall public good is important, not only how many people it impacts. P. Low felt that the ARPA money should be used to help those most harmed by the COVID pandemic.

OLD BUSINESS:

SALVAGE YARDS IN MONKTON

no action taken

SIGN

Monkton Town Offices and Russell Memorial Library sign will be ready to be installed at the end of March.

OTHER BUSINESS:

none

DETERMINE TIME/DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 7pm.

B. Martin moved to adjourn. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42pm.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Jessica Demeritt.