

MONKTON SELECTBOARD MEETING
MINUTES

Tuesday January 24, 2023
(Approved 2-14-23)

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

Members in attendance: Stephen Pilcher (chair), John McNerney, Paul Low, Marikate Kelley, Walter Crandall

Members absent: none

Others in attendance: Jessica Demeritt (recording secretary), Stan Wilbur, Debra Sprague, Jaime Schulte

ANNOUNCEMENTS

none

REGULAR BUSINESS:

APPROVE MINUTES

No action taken

REVIEW AND APPROVE CHECK WARRANTS

P. Low moved to approve AP 30111 in the amount of \$24,765.43. J. McNerney seconded. All voted in favor.

REVIEW AND APPROVE OVERWEIGHT PERMITS, ETC.

none

PUBLIC COMMENT

none

NEW BUSINESS:

APPOINT AGENT TO DEED REAL ESTATE

P. Low nominated M. Kelley as agent to deed real estate. The vote passed 4-0-1. M. Kelley abstained.

WATER SYSTEM OPERATOR

Jill Marsano toured the current water system. S. Pilcher said she was very thorough. She is a class 3 water system operator and Vermont Utility Management Systems is her business name. She handles the water system for the Monkton Central School. She bills at \$70/hour. S. Pilcher said the testing in December and January was clean. There was discussion about water treatment systems. **J. McNerney moved to appoint Jill Marsano of VTUMS as the town**

hall water system operator, and to sign the contract for services. M. Kelley seconded. All voted in favor.

TOWN WARNING

S. Pilcher asked the Selectboard if they would like to do an in person town meeting, or have an Australian ballot and a zoom informational meeting. M. Kelley mentioned that some of the people who would attend an in person meeting may be highly susceptible to COVID. W. Crandall asked if anyone knew what other towns were doing. It was noted that prior Zoom meetings had been lightly attended. There was discussion about masks and testing before town meeting and possible rising covid rates come February. **J. McNerney moved to hold town meeting in person on Saturday March 4, 2023. M. Kelley seconded.** There was a discussion about how to handle a public meeting and covid concerns. **All voted in favor.**

SELECTBOARD REPORT

S. Pilcher said the report was an opportunity to summarize what was going on in town.

DRAFT RESPONSE TO ARPA SURVEY

There was discussion about a survey that is circulating in town. S. Pilcher spoke about how Bristol was working with ARPA funds.

FACILITY USE REQUESTS

P. Low said there was one.

OLD BUSINESS:

SALVAGE YARDS IN MONKTON

no action taken

1859 TOWN HALL STATUS

no action taken

ARPA FUNDS STATUS / PROCESS

no action taken

OTHER BUSINESS:

J. McNerney moved to approve the Unified Planning Document dated January 24, 2023. W. Crandall seconded. All voted in favor.

There was discussion about reporting total materials recycled from the Monkton recycling center.

There was discussion about when the Addison County Sheriff Department is patrolling Monkton roads. S. Wilbur shares the reports from the department with the Selectboard.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 7pm.

M. Kelley moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:52pm. All voted in favor.

These minutes were respectfully submitted by Jessica Demeritt.