

MONKTON SELECTBOARD MEETING
MINUTES
Tuesday, April 11, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Stephen Pilcher at 7:01 pm.

Members in attendance: Stephen Pilcher (chair), John McNerney, Paul Low, Walter Crandall, Marikate Kelley (left at 8:30pm)

Members absent: none

Others in attendance: Jessica Demeritt (recording secretary), Stan Wilbur, Robert Wesley, Mike Elmore, Debra Sprague, Jaime Schulte, Callie Brynn, Tom Steadman, Bob Heiser

ANNOUNCEMENTS

none

REGULAR BUSINESS:

APPROVE MINUTES

J. McNerney moved to approve the minutes of March 28, 2023 as written. P. Low seconded. All voted in favor.

REVIEW AND APPROVE CHECK WARRANTS

M. Kelley moved to approve AP 30331 in the amount of \$25,426.43. J. McNerney seconded. All voted in favor.

M. Kelley moved to approve PR 30410 in the amount of \$13,521.07. W. Crandall seconded. All voted in favor.

REVIEW AND APPROVE OVERWEIGHT PERMITS, ETC.

The following overweight permits were reviewed and approved:

Lemon Fair Excavating & Landscaping

Dennis Casey

Swan Siteworks LLC

Allen Pidgeon

Bacon Trucking LLC

Green Mtn Feed INC

Suncommon

Cota Trucking

Nazin Excavating

On Site Septic Solutions LLC

ALH Transit Inc

Parent Constuction

Delphia Excavating

Multy Builders LLC
Casella Construction
WR Preston & Co Inc
Rox Asphalt
The A Johnson Co. LLC
Kimbal Transport
Masterson & Son Excavating LLC

FACILITY USE REQUEST

P. Low reviewed two requests.

PUBLIC COMMENT

none

NEW BUSINESS:

ADDISON COUNTY SHERIFF CONTRACT AND STATUS

M. Elmore said he wanted to check in regarding the contract to see if there were any improvements that could be made. He said he would continue to check in. S. Pilcher said he appreciated the signage support. P. Low said he would like to see the thru trucks monitored to help reduce the “short cut” use of Monkton’s roads. M. Elmore said they are looking for an additional set of scales. W. Crandall said he appreciated their work. M. Elmore said he is seeing increased speeds and more accidents in the wake of the pandemic. M. Kelley asked how mental health issues were being handled. M. Elmore said they are working with someone who may be to taking up that work.

OPEN DOOR CLINIC REQUEST FOR ARPA FUNDS

no action taken

TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE STATUS UPDATE

C. Brynn came with some specific numbers regarding ARPA funds, road maintenance, and lawyer costs. There was discussion about ongoing costs and parking needs. C. Brynn said there were two community engagement events to answer questions and they had good attendance. Community site walks have been scheduled. P. Low asked if there were any established trails, and the response was yes. There are logging roads also. P. Low encouraged more promotion about the property. C. Brynn said a management plan would be worked on over the winter including proposed trails, connection to the Watershed, and allowable activities. J. Schulte said the management plan could change over time. There is interest in getting community feedback by July/August and there was discussion about how to connect with residents. There was discussion about wind damage in part of the forest.

VT AOT TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM GRANT

M. Kelley moved to approve the Transportation Alternative Grant which provides for a town share of \$8800. W. Crandall seconded. P. Low asked

where it would go, how it would work and expressed concern about the cost. S. Pilcher said it would likely mainly follow the roads around the pond. S. Wilbur said it could be built in phases, and would be a separate path from the roads. M. Kelley said discovering the possibilities would be helpful. She sees value for the town especially with a village designation. **The vote passed 4-1-0. P. Low opposed.**

LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PROGRAM CONTRACTOR AWARD

S. Pilcher said there were five proposals. **M. Kelley moved to accept the ACRPC proposal for the LHMP contract. P. Low seconded. All voted in favor.**

PROPOSAL FOR FIREWORKS IN MORSE PARK

S. Pilcher said the town's insurance company had concerns. The Board believed a private landowner location would be best.

PROCUREMENT POLICY

There was discussion about following the policy and whether it should be updated.

MOWING CONTRACT

J. McNerney moved to approve the contract with Brian's Lawn Care for \$5600. P. Low seconded. All voted in favor.

SPEED SIGN QUOTE

S. Wilbur said there were two quotes. Bristol recommended one. **J. McNerney moved to approve a solar speed limit sign from Elan City for \$3649. W. Crandall seconded. All voted in favor.**

APPOINTMENTS

T. Steadman expressed interest in being appointed as the delinquent tax collector. He would also be interested in being the treasurer. There was a discussion about T. Steadman's experience. **S. Pilcher nominated B. Joss as interim treasurer. All voted in favor. J. McNerney nominated B. Joss as delinquent tax collector. All voted in favor.**

J. McNerney listed candidates who had applied or reapplied for several town positions:

Kris Perlee - Zoning Administrator 3 yr term exp. Mar 2026

Kris Perlee - 911 Coordinator 1 yr term exp. Mar 2024

S. Pilcher – Emergency Management Director 1 yr term exp. Mar 2024

S. Pilcher moved approving the slate of candidates. All voted in favor.

LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

There have been no changes for this year. **J. McNerney moved to adopt the LEMP for Monkton for 2023. P. Low seconded. All voted in favor.**

PERSONNEL POLICY

M. Kelley has worked up some changes.

OVERWEIGHT PERMIT POLICY

P. Low said the town's documentation is good and no changes need to be made.

LOWER PARKING LOT AT TOWN OFFICES

P. Low has been reaching out to contractors.

BEAVERS

S. Pilcher said the town will ask Skip Lisle to look at a few locations. P. Low said he would call and coordinate with the road foreman.

BUDGET REPORT

There was discussion about the highway budget and quarterly grants.

OLD BUSINESS:

SALVAGE YARDS IN MONKTON

no action taken

ARPA FUNDS STATUS / PROCESS

S. Pilcher said he went to the volunteer fire department to talk about grants for a new fire truck. He said there was conversation about the post office, and a prior request for ARPA funds for equipment. There was discussion about the work required to complete grants.

OTHER BUSINESS:

S. Pilcher said the contract has been received from St. Onge for the Mountain Road culvert. **P. Low moved to approve S. Pilcher as the representative for the town to sign the contract. J. McNerney seconded. All voted in favor.**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 7pm.

J. McNerney moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:50pm. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Demeritt.