

MONKTON SELECTBOARD MEETING
MINUTES

Tuesday, October 10, 2023
(Approved 10/24/2023)

The meeting was called to order by Marikate Kelley at 7:31 pm. (Issues with the Zoom account caused a delay in the meeting start.)

Members in attendance: Paul Low, John McNerney, Walter Crandall, Marikate Kelley

Members absent: Stephen Pilcher

Others in attendance: Jessica Demeritt (recording secretary), Stan Wilbur (town administrator), Randy Charboneau

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

P. Low noted that Todd Eaton of Vermont Cities and Roads and Shane Lawrence had agreed to work together to provide further training and support to the road crew.

J. McNerney noted that the new zoning administrator is at work.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

APPROVE MINUTES

P. Low moved to approve the minutes of September 26, 2023 as written. W. Crandall seconded. All voted in favor.

REVIEW AND APPROVE CHECK WARRANTS

P. Low moved to approve PR 31006 in the amount of \$14,233.49. JM seconded. All voted in favor.

REVIEW AND APPROVE OVERWEIGHT PERMITS, ETC

none

FACILITY USE REQUEST

P. Low said there were four. One request was denied due to a time conflict.

PUBLIC COMMENT

none

NEW BUSINESS:

AUDITOR'S DELINQUENT TAX REPORT

R. Charboneau presented a report and shared the highlights. There are inconsistencies in reports and accounts that need attention. He made a

suggestion that the Board of Abatement should look at some accounts. There was discussion about how to resolve the concerns raised.

MONKTON ROAD CURB CUT

W. Crandall said he would take a look at the Monkton Road site.

W. Crandall commented on a curb cut on Hardscrabble Road. There was discussion about when curb cut requirements began.

BIKE / PED FACILITY - DUBOIS & KINGS CONTRACT

S. Wilbur said the state paid 80%; the town is responsible for 20%. There was discussion about the process for the contract. **J. McNerney moved to approve the agreement between Monkton for consulting and engineering services with Dubois and King for a scoping study for a bike/pedestrian path. W. Crandall seconded.** The total bill is for \$39,994, and the town portion is approximately \$8,000. **The vote passed 3-1-0. P. Low voted against.**

MOUNTAIN ROAD CULVERT FINANCIAL REPORT 3 - RATIFY SIGNATURE

M. Kelley noted that Monkton submitted a first request for financing. **J.**

McNerney moved to ratify the signature of the Vice Chair on the Department of Public Safety financial report for the Mountain Road bridge. W. Crandall seconded. All voted in favor.

SAND PILE

There was discussion about a logical place to put the sandpile and keep access restricted to the recycling center. P. Low said he would take a closer look.

3RD QUARTER BUDGET STATUS REPORT

The Selectboard members spent time looking at line items. P. Low said the highway department budget is looking good.

OLD BUSINESS:

SALVAGE YARDS IN MONKTON

no action taken

LOWER TOWN HALL PARKING LOT

There was discussion about grant money.

BEAVERS

J. McNerney noted the Boro Hill dam is holding a lot of water in close proximity to the road. He observed that the property owner has not reduced the water level behind the dam to a safe level to protect the road and downstream properties. There was discussion about landowner liability, state regulations, and addressing the concern. P. Low said he would reach out again to the property owner.

OTHER BUSINESS:

W. Crandall was contacted to accompany the town Health Officer to check a septic mound system. The property owner hired an engineer to assess the system.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 7:00pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

none required

J. McNerney moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:48pm. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Demeritt