

MONKTON SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

(Approved 5/28/24)

The meeting was called to order by John McNerney at 7:04 p.m.

Members in attendance: Joe Szarejko, Marikate Kelley (arrived at 7:18 p.m.), Walter Crandall, John McNerney

Members absent: Stephen Pilcher

Others in attendance: Jessica Demeritt (recording secretary), Stan Wilbur (town administrator), Shane Lawrence, Kevin Lambert, Caleb Dion, Teri Fitz-Gerald

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

S. Wilbur noted that the Casey/Guillemette Environmental Court case was remanded to the Monkton DRB. Copy of that decision in the packet.

J. Szarejko noted that a property owner on Bennett Road wanted to dig across the road to install power. There was discussion about timing. (See "Other Business")

REGULAR BUSINESS:

APPROVE MINUTES

W. Crandall moved to approve the minutes of April 23, 2024 as written. J. Szarejko seconded. All voted in favor.

REVIEW AND APPROVE CHECK WARRANTS

W. Crandall moved to approve PR 40506 in the amount of \$11,110.67. J. Szarejko seconded. All voted in favor.

W. Crandall moved to approve AP 40508 in the amount of \$31,934.31. J. Szarejko seconded. All voted in favor.

REVIEW AND APPROVE OVERWEIGHT PERMITS, ETC

The following overweight permits were reviewed and approved:

Henry Excavating, LLC

D&F Excavating & Paving, Inc

W.R. Preston

Conant Trucking, LLC

Many Excavating, Inc

Lewis Excavating, LLC

Mountains Edge Excavation

Tim L. Paquette

Joseph Bissonette

Daniel Cram

J. Hutchins, Inc

FACILITY USE REQUEST

W. Crandall noted there were a few.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

K. Lambert shared progress on the hardcourt proposal.

NEW BUSINESS:

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT HIRING (EXECUTIVE SESSION)

M. Kelley moved to go into executive session and invite Shane Lawrence and Caleb Dion to discuss personnel hiring at 7:25 p.m. W. Crandall seconded. All voted in favor.

M. Kelley moved to go out of executive session at 8:10pm W. Crandall seconded.

M. Kelley moved to make an offer of employment to Caleb Dion for the full time highway crew position. W. Crandall seconded. All voted in favor.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PAY RATES

M. Kelley moved to increase T. Currier's salary as discussed with S. Lawrence. J. Szarejko seconded All voted in favor.

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT / CAPITAL FUND

There was discussion about considering the issue further at budgeting time.

CURB CUT - PATRICK DENTON

J. Szarejko moved to approve the Denton curb cut at 299 Bennett Road. W. Crandall seconded. All voted in favor.

CURB CUT - THOMAS STEADMAN

There was discussion about whether the curb cut was for a subdivision. J. Szarejko agreed to visit the site.

GMP LICENSE FOR TEMPORARY ATTACHMENTS - FLAGS

The town requested permission to hang the flag of the United States from power poles on the Ridge. **M. Kelley moved to approve the license agreement between GMP and the town of Monkton for attachments to power poles, and moved to give S. Wilbur permission to sign as an agent of the town. W. Crandall seconded. All voted in favor.**

LED TOWN ANNOUNCEMENT SIGN

S. Wilbur asked if the board was interested in pursuing a digital sign. J. McNerney noted there was no information about installation cost. J. McNerney noted he was in favor of a single color (red) sign rather than a tv screen look. There was discussion about a timber frame for the sign. There was discussion about the land that holds the existing sign. M. Kelley was in favor of learning about installation costs.

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HOMEWARD BOUND CONTRACT

M. Kelley moved to enter into a 2024-2025 contract for holding stray dogs with Homeward Bound for \$450 for the year covering the first three strays and \$75 per stray after that. W. Crandall seconded. All voted in favor.

APPOINTMENTS

It was noted that the town needs a health officer and a service officer, and that the energy committee is looking for members.

SCHEDULE DELIBERATIVE SESSION RE: OLD AIRPORT ROAD

It was noted that 24 hours notice is needed to hold a special meeting.

NEW PERSONNEL POLICY REVIEW

There was discussion about changes to the personnel policy, including benefits and time off.

OLD BUSINESS

OTHER BUSINESS

Received a work in the right-of-way permit application for Bennett Rd. Discussed that since this is a dead end road, the applicant will need to notify affected landowners in advance of the work and timing will likely be restricted to avoid the main commuting time of day. Since this was not received in time to warn on the agenda for this meeting, no action was taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at 7 p.m.

M. Kelley moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 p.m. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Demeritt