

MONKTON SELECTBOARD SPECIAL
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, December 30, 2024
(Approved 1/14/25)

The meeting was called to order by S. Pilcher at 7:02 p.m.

Members in attendance: Stephen Pilcher (chair), Walter Crandall, John McNerney (left at 7:15 p.m.), Marikate Kelley, Joe Szarejko

Members absent:

Others in attendance: Stan Wilbur (town administrator), John Zaikowski

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

none

REGULAR BUSINESS:

PUBLIC COMMENT

none

NEW BUSINESS:

FINALIZE ARPA SPENDING

J. Zaikowski noted that the Rec Committee has worked to obligate all of the funds except for labor costs associated with some of the projects at Morse Park. He noted three proposals for the labor and recommended accepting Bob Wahl's proposal for \$8900. S. Pilcher noted that the Rec Committee puts in a lot of volunteer labor. M. Kelley asked if the bids would go over the ARPA fund balance for the project. S. Pilcher noted that two of the bids did not go over. Red Schoolhouse Contracting's bid was for \$11,296. There was discussion about the scope of the work. The lesser of the two bids did not include the construction of various bridges around Morse Park. J. Zaikowski noted that volunteers would build them. **M. Kelley moved to accept the bid from Red Schoolhouse Contracting. W. Crandall seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.** There was discussion about the payment process.

S. Pilcher noted that the purchase of the Town Forest had some additional legal bills and associated expenses. S. Pilcher read a resolution for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Allocation. **W. Crandall moved to adopt the resolution. J. Szarejko seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.**

[Copy of resolution attached]

OLD BUSINESS

none

OTHER BUSINESS

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none

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

W. Crandall moved to enter executive session at approximately 7:35 p.m., and invited Stan Wilbur to join for the purposes of personnel evaluation. J. Szarejko seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

W. Crandall moved to exit the executive session at 8:03 p.m. J. Szarejko seconded. The vote passed 4-0-0.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 14, at 7 p.m.

W. Crandall moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. Vote passed 4-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Demeritt

**RESOLUTION FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)
ALLOCATION**

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, the President of the United States signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to provide continued relief from the public health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, ARPA created the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) that provided direct funding to state, local, and Tribal governments across the country to support their response to and recovery from the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Monkton has accepted an allocation of SLFRF in the amount of \$624,902.68; and

WHEREAS, SLFRF provides needed fiscal relief for recipients that have experienced revenue loss due to the onset of the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, Treasury presumes that up to \$10 million in revenue has been lost due to the public health emergency and recipients are permitted to use that amount (not to exceed the award amount) to fund “government services.”; and

WHEREAS, Recipients may elect a “standard allowance” of \$10 million to spend on government services through the period of performance; and

WHEREAS, All recipients may elect to use this standard allowance instead of calculating lost revenue using the formula provided by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, including those with total allocations of \$10 million or less; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Monkton has the need to fund government services while in the recovery phase of the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, the Selectboard of the Town of Monkton, Vermont, authorize the following:

Section 1. The following allocation of SLFRF funding to fund government services under the replacing lost public sector revenue spending category as follows:

Expend SLFRF funds in an amount up to \$11,355.00 for the purpose of paying legal bills and associated expenses incurred in the purchase of the Monkton Town Forest.

Passed and Adopted by the Selectboard of the Town of Monkton, Vermont
on the 30th day of ~~December~~ 2024.

ATTEST:






