

MONKTON SELECTBOARD MEETING
MONKTON TOWN HALL

Minutes

DATE: Monday October 12, 2015

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** S. Pilcher called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
- 2) **ATTENDANCE:**
 - a. **SELECTBOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Stephen Pilcher, Henry Boisse, Ann Layn, Roger Parker, John McNerney.
 - b. **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Rick Dinkle, Ned Farquhar, Michael Hurlburt, Gregory Peyser, Melanie Peyser, Maren Vasatka, Wayne Preston, Nate Palmer, Jennifer Baker.
- 3) **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 - a. The towns has received a progress report on geology related to the well survey.
 - b. H. Boisse and S. Pilcher attended the VLCT Town Fair and shared with the Board members some of their experiences.
- 4) **REGULAR BUSINESS:**
 - a. **APPROVE MINUTES:** The Board reviewed the minutes from September 28, 2015. **J. McNerney moved to approve the minutes as written. H. Boisse seconded this motion. Motion carried with vote 5-0-0.**
 - b. **REVIEW AND APPROVE CHECK WARRANTS:** None to approve
 - c. **REVIEW AND APPROVE OVERWEIGHT PERMITS, ETC.:** None to approve
 - d. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Rick Dinkle is experiencing an issue where delivery companies are not able to find his house at the end of the Hardscrabble Road. He was asking if this is something that can be changed by the town or if it needs to be communicated with the carriers.

5) NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **ROAD CREW STAFFING: H. Boisse moved to go in to executive session at 7:54pm to discuss personnel contracts. A. Layn seconded this motion. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0-0.**

J. McNerney moved to leave executive session and return to regularly scheduled business at 8:29pm. H. Boisse seconded this motion. Voted and passed with a vote of 5-0-0.

- b. **REVIEW OF VERMONT GAS PROPOSE PIPELINE REROUTE: S. Pilcher indicated to the public that the reroute maps were not received in time, therefore the Board is unprepared to actively discuss the re-route at this time.**

The Board did review a letter from Ned Farquhar dated October 2, 2015 was received with responses to the proposed non substantial changes. S. Pilcher noted that Vermont Gas has notified affected landowners by leaving a voicemail, and it was suggested a registered letter be the method of contact. S. Pilcher would also like to see more quantitative information regarding what the gas readings when the Mainline Pipeline Valve (MPV) is vented. Mr. Farquhar indicated that to get these readings, a handheld unit is used that does not record data, only shows data readings. The Board and Mr. Farquhar were asked the total distance between valve stations, and the exact locations of the valve stations. It was suggested by the Board that the guests with these questions contact Mr. Farquhar directly to get answers containing this information.

The Board and Mr. Farquhar were asked if the Menard house will remain a residence. This will be answered at a later time. A request was made that the lawn be maintained by VT Gas. R. Parker suggested that residents contact VT Gas directly with all of these questions as they did not require the Board for answers. M. Peyser wants to know if the Selectboard will take a position and hold VT Gas to the MOU. With regards to the MOU, J. McNerney responded that while he did not recall if a formal vote was taken during earlier discussions of a possible pipeline reroute, the 'sense of the board' as explained to the Palmers and VT Gas during one meeting was that the Select Board would not stand in the way of a proposed reroute of the pipeline if the landowner and VT Gas agreed, provided it did not cause more problems for the town or with other landowners. M. Peyser also asked if the Board was going to file regarding the environmental review of the wetland permit. S. Pilcher noted that the Select Board does not have the resources to comment on environmental issues of this detail and has left that responsibility to other parties who do have the expertise.

- c. SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY / REVIEW OF GOULD LETTER: The Board reviewed the draft response to Mr. Gould, and briefly reviewed a proposed draft policy. This will be reviewed at a later time. No action was taken.

- d. WILDLIFE CROSSING CHANGE ORDER: This change order will add 426 feet of barrier wall to project, and the new date of completion is October 30, 2015. There will be no cost to the town for this change. **J. McNerney moved to approve the Monkton Wildlife Crossing Project Change Order STP EH 08(4). H. Boisse seconded this motion. Voted and passed 5-0-0.**

- e. LETTER FROM ACRPC: ACRPC is offering assistance to the Selectboard to aid in writing the town plan regarding siting of solar generating plants in the town of Monkton.

- f. REVIEW OF STATUTES REGARDING DISCONTINUING OR RECLASSIFYING HIGHWAYS: Statues from the state of VT provided to the Board for review. J. McNerney felt that if the board were to consider this, any other roads that are the subject of similar requests should be identified and done together for efficiency.

6) OLD BUSINESS:

- a. FIRE STATION ADDITION STATUS: Dept of Public safety and Jeff Bryant who is reviewing the application. It was suggested that the wall between the current edition and older wall be 2 hour rated wall, and if this is done, it might be ok to not have the sprinkler system. This has to be confirmed. The Firestation edition might be pushed back to spring 2016

- b. HOLLOW ROAD SITE CLEANUP STATUS: Jim Carroll requested contact information for those interested in the lot. S. Pilcher has provided the following names: Michael Hinsdale, Roger Parker, Chris Slesar.

- c. PARK AND RIDE STATUS: Two LED lights with posts cost approximately \$5,000.00. S. Pilcher would like to reach out to Thea Gaudette regarding this project. S. Pilcher will also research putting the lighting out for bid. More information will be brought to the next Selectboard meeting for review.

7) OTHER BUSINESS:

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- a. DETERMINE TIME/DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The Next meeting will be held on October 26, 2015 at 7:00pm.

8) **ADJOURNMENT:**

- a. J. McNerney Moved to adjourn at 9:09pm, H.Boisse seconded. Voted and passed with a vote of 5-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Miranda Boe
Recording Secretary
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