

MONKTON SELECTBOARD MEETING  
MONKTON TOWN HALL  
MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday June 13, 2016

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** S. Pilcher called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

2. **ATTENDANCE:**

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Stephen Pilcher, Henry Boisse, John McNerney, Roger Parker.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Ann Layn

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Melanie Peyser, Ivor Hughes, Renee McGuinness, Michael Hurlburt, Fred Baser.

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The Town of Monkton would like to thank Wendy-Sue Harper and Robin Hopps for the work done on the plantings in front of the War Memorials at the Grange.

4. **REGULAR BUSINESS:**

a. APPROVE MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the minutes from May 23, 2016. **J. McNerney moved to approve the May 23, 2016 minutes as written H. Boisse seconded. Voted and passed, 3-0-1, R. Parker abstained.**

The Board reviewed the minutes from May 31, 2016. **R. Parker moved to approve the May 31, 2016 minutes as written, J. McNerney seconded. Voted and passed, 4-0-0.**

b. REVIEW AND APPROVE CHECK WARRANTS:

- A/P 60607 6-7-16 \$15,389.36
- A/P 60608 6-8-16 \$20,322.73
- P/R 60527 5-27-16 \$ 8,679.40
- P/R 60613 6-13-16 \$ 9,037.14

c. REVIEW AND APPROVE OVERWEIGHT PERMITS, ETC.

- Ross Orvis
- Michels Pipeline Corp
- B.A.B Excavating, INC.

- d. PUBLIC COMMENT (Guests): Ivor Hughes has proposed to the Monkton Planning Commission a request for “Share the Road” signs. These would be at the ends and at the intersections of Pond Rd, at the intersection of Pond Road and Rotax Road, and at the intersection of Davis Road and Rotax Road. **H. Boisse moved to put up 2 signs, one at each end of Pond Road and see if there are results. R. Parker seconded this motion.** Signs are to not to exceed \$200 per sign. **Voted and passed 4-0-0.**

Residents expressed concern about VGS travelling down Pond Rd. with large trucks, soetimes at what appears to be higher than posted speeds. S. Pilcher will mention this again. R. Parker will be reaching out to the Addison County Sherriff’s Department regarding more traffic patrol with VGS and its sub-contractors on Pond Rd and by the school.

Concern was expressed about VGS claiming they received Selectboard approval on a sign that was put up on the end of Cedar Lane when the Selectboard had no knowledge of this sign. This was a statement of concern about procedure, not a complaint about the sign itself.

Ivor Hughes mentioned a view shed study that is now outdated with the recent construction on Old Stage Road.

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. FRED BASER: Fred Baser wanted public feedback on issues. He will take this feedback and see what he can do at a state level.
- b. REVIEW VERMONT GAS RESPONSE TO RECENT LETTER: Thomas Murray contacted S. Pilcher as he is Ned Farquar’s replacement. Mr. Murray and S. Pilcher had a meeting. S. Pilcher saw no way for VGS to bring pipe down Renee McGuiness’ access road that did not impact a right of way and requested that the come up with a plan. S. Pilcher is open to suggestions and edits to this response letter.

Mrs. McGuiness is still looking for more oversight on VGS employees and subcontractors. S. Pilcher will attempt to find out where and what the oversight is.

Concern was expressed regarding VGS contamination with leaks and disposal of hazardous materials.

- c. VERMONT GAS CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: Monkton Road getting ready to do HDD. This is expected to take 29 days, starting July 12, 2016. S. Pilcher will get more information when they plan on doing Jack and Bore under Hollow Rd. S. Pilcher understands that most of the clearing is

done. S. Pilcher needs to make sure that State Dispatch is being notified with road closures.

J. McNerney asked if there were updates from oversight engineer. S. Pilcher will request the logs so they can be viewed in writing.

Old Stage Road is having a lot of heavy machinery and it was suggested putting base down since the road is “squishing”. Post Road also had some heavy machinery causing damage to the road.

J. McNerney mentioned that he witnessed some damage occurring to the pavement at the Post Rd/Monkton Rd intersection as tracked pipeline equipment was driven onto the pavement and pivoted in place to load on trailer

- d. REVIEW BIDS FOR SALE OF TOWN OWNED PARCEL: There has only been one bid received, and the bid was from Michael Hurlburt. The bid was \$6,200 for swamp lot being offered. **R. Parker moved to approve the sale of the swamp lot to Michael Hurlburt for the amount of \$6,200.00, H. Boisse seconded.** This will be in the form of a quit-claim deed. This is a sale of the land, and the town is not expressing any opinion on plans/use of the land. **Voted and passed 4-0-0.**
- e. HIGHWAY EQUIPEMENT NOTE - \$22,000 2013 MACK DUMP TRUCK ANNUAL LOAN RENEWAL: **H. Boisse moved to approve the Highway Equipment Note in the amount of \$22,000 with a 1.7% interest rate through Merchants Bank. J. McNerney seconded this motion. Voted and passed, 4-0-0.**
- f. EQUIPMENT TRAILER FOR HIGHWAY DEPT.: **H. Boisse moved to authorize the Highway Department purchasing an equipment trailer from Roger Paker/Parker Excavating in the amount \$5,500, J. McNerney seconded this motion.** It was noted that W. Preston feels the purchase of this trailer will not cause the Highway Dept. to go over budget for the year **Voted and passed, 3-0-1, R. Parker abstained.**

**6. OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. PERSONNEL POLICY UPDATE: The Board discussed the personnel policy regarding personal time and compensation. No Action Taken.
- b. HIGHWAY JOB DESCRIPTIONS: The Board discussed job descriptions and expectations.
- c. PARK AND RIDE STATUS: The parking lot width will be increased by 12'. The town road crew will handle this portion of the work. The Selectboard

has agreed to buy the materials for the timber frame at a previous meeting. Some minor design questions were discussed.

R. Parker will look in to used light poles from a recent construction.

Green Mountain Power indicated that park-and-rides are not good locations for electric vehicle charging stations since people drive short distances to park, and most will use the electric vehicles, leaving the gas powered vehicles.

- d. FIRE STATION ADDITION STATUS: Schedule was received at the last meeting. At this time there are no changes to this schedule.

**7. OTHER BUSINESS:**

- a. DETERMINE TIME/DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on June 27, 2016 at 7:00pm.
- b. A Curbcut has been received for 2382 Boro Hill Rd. This site will be reviewed by H. Boisse and W. Preston.
- c. R. Parker briefly discussed the Matera property clean up, and indicated that there was someone interested in purchasing the property.

**8. ADJOURNMENT:**

**R. Paker moved to adjourn at 9:12pm, J. McNerney seconded this motion. Voted and passed 4-0-0.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Miranda Boe  
Recording Secretary