

MONKTON SELECTBOARD MEETING
MONKTON TOWN HALL

Minutes

DATE: Monday December 19, 2016

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** S. Pilcher called the meeting to order at 7:01pm
2. **ATTENDANCE:**
 - a. MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Stephen Pilcher, John McNerney, Ann Layn, Henry Boisse, Roger Parker.
 - b. OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: William Porter.
3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Jay Frater announced his resignation from Energy committee and Planning Commission, effective immediately.

Thea Gaudette will be resigning from Transportation Advisory Committee, effective immediately.

4. **REGULAR BUSINESS:**
 - a. APPROVE MINUTES: The Board reviewed the minutes from December 12, 2016. Corrections were made. **R. Parker moved to approve the minutes as amended. H. Boisse seconded this motion. Voted and passed 5-0-1. A. Layn abstained.**
 - b. REVIEW AND APPROVE CHECK WARRANTS:
 - A/P #61215 12-15-2016 \$14,371.05
 - A/P #61206 12-06-216 \$15,262.33
 - c. REVIEW AND APPROVE OVERWEIGHT PERMITS, ETC.
 - There were no overweight permits to review.
 - d. PUBLIC COMMENT (Guests): William Porter approached the Board as he has paid his tax bill the same way since the year 2000 by postmarking his tax payment on November 15th. This is the first year where he has received a late penalty. This policy has been in effect since the year 2004, and appears on the tax bills. The policy states that the payment has to be received by the Town of Monkton by 5:00pm on the date due (November 15th, In this case)

It was explained to Mr. Porter that the Select Board has no authority to grant an abatement on his taxes or waive a fine or late fee; he would need to bring this complaint to the Board of Civil Authority. However to the best

of the knowledge of the Selectboard, a penalty cannot be waived or abated.

5. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. BUDGET REVIEW: The Board reviewed the budget. Discussion ensued.
- b. The Board discussed the personnel policy and eligibility of health benefits. **Henry Boisse moved to amend the personnel policy to reflect that New Hire Health Insurance policy is to start at the first day of the following month after initial date of hire, Ann Layn seconded. Voted and passed 5-0-0.**
- c. REVIEW DRAFT SELECTBOARD REPORT: No action taken.

6. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. FIRE STATION ADDITION STATUS: R. Parker spoke with Paul Sipple and discussed the height of the door. It was indicated the door height was to be corrected, but a response has not been received. There is also insulation showing. R. Parker will attempt to contact Mr. Sipple again.

7. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- a. DETERMINE TIME/DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on January 9, 2017.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:**

H. Boisse moved to adjourn at 9:11pm. A. Layn seconded this motion. Voted and passed, 5-0-0.