

MONKTON SELECTBOARD MEETING  
MONKTON TOWN HALL  
Minutes  
DATE: Monday March 13, 2017

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Stephen Pilcher called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
2. **ATTENDANCE:**  
Select Board Members: S. Pilcher, J. McNerney, R. Parker, H. Boisse  
(A. Layn not in attendance)  
Guests: Frank Stanley, Bob Rathburn, Chris Slesar, Deb Gaynor.
3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
  - a. S. Pilcher congratulated Ann Layn and John McNerney on their reappointments.
4. **REGULAR BUSINESS: 7:10 – 7:30**
  - a. APPROVE MINUTES: February 27, 2017 minutes will be reviewed at the next meeting.
  - b. REVIEW AND APPROVE CHECK WARRANTS
    - P/R #70306 03/06/2017 \$7,705.17
    - A/P #70309 03/09/2017 \$31,431.92
  - c. REVIEW AND APPROVE OVERWEIGHT PERMITS, ETC.
    - R. Parker Enterprises, INC dba Parker Excavation
    - Parent Construction, INC
    - Chevalier Drilling Co., INC
    - Huntington Homes, INC
    - Champlain Valley Plumbing and Heating
    - Roger Fisher Trucking
    - Delphia Excavating
    - Sky Crane Service, LLC
    - United Natural Foods, INC
    - David M. Newton, INC
    - Scott Oberle dba Oberle's Bulldog Trucking
    - Markowski Excavating, INC
    - Barrett Trucking Co., INC
    - Rice Lumber Co., INC
    - Panoramic Landscaping & Excavation INC
    - Cota Trucking Company
    - LaPete Construction
    - Acker Excavating

- Pike Industries

d. PUBLIC COMMENT (Guests):

**5. ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

- a. ELECT CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR, SECRETARY: **H. Boisse nominated Stephen Pilcher as chair, R. Parker seconded. Voted and passed, 3-0-1, S. Pilcher abstained.**

**J. McNerney nominated Ann Layn as vice-chair, H. Boisse seconded. Voted and passed 4-0-0.**

**H. Boisse nominated John McNerney for secretary. 3-0-1, J. McNerney abstained.**

- b. SET REGULAR MEETING DAYS, TIMES, PLACE: The meetings will be held every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00pm at Monkton Town Hall.

- c. DESIGNATE NEWSPAPER OF RECORD AND POSTING LOCATIONS FOR AGENDA AND PUBLIC MEETING NOTICES The Addison Independent will be the designated newspaper of record, posting locations will be at the Monkton General store, town hall, and Russell Memorial library.

- d. REVIEW SELECTBOARD PROCEDURES

**6. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. PROPOSAL FOR USE OF SURPLUS WILDLIFE CROSSING FUNDS – C. SLESAR : \$5,400 left over from project. Add some rocks to provide cover items. Would like to hire Jim Anders \$2,981 to place cover every 6 feet. This will complete the plans. R. Parker inquired about the manhole covers. It was clarified that this wasn't for drainage, it was for air flow and ambient moisture. S. Pilcher asked if there was going to be money left for stewardship. The remaining \$2,500 would remain. **J. McNerney moved to approve expenditure of \$2,981 remaining in wildlife crossing funds. H. Boisse seconded this motion. Voted and passed, 4-0-0.** Mr. Slesar was instructed to proceed and submit an invoice to the treasurer. Mr. Slesar was also asked to be sure the invoice indicated this money was to come from the wildlife crossing fund.

Chris Slesar also will be attending a conference to speak about this wildlife crossing project. He has asked if the money could be used

towards air fare to attend this conference in Utah. The Select Board felt that while attending the conference was certainly a worthwhile, it was not in line with the originally publicized fundraising goals for the crossing. It was recommended that he approach Lewis Creek Foundation.

- b. RECYCLING CENTER AND ACT 148 – D. GAYNOR : Deb Gaynor provided information that explains act 148. Food scraps and drop off centers were discussed. Waste haulers are obliged have to take food scraps. There will be drop offs in every town in the county. Food scraps, as of July 1, 2017 cannot go in to household trash. July 1, 2020 it will be mandatory. Bear proof toters are being purchased and left at municipal drop off centers. Some exceptions will be made. A survey was recommended. Examples from Chittenden county were provided and suggestions were made. No action will be taken.
- c. TOWN MEETING MINUTES: H. Boisse will take a copy of the minutes. Once this is done, it will be given back to S. Pilcher Selectboard review.
- d. LAMBERT CURB CUT – CEMETERY ROAD : Curb cut procedures were explained. A driveway was installed prior to the application for a curb cut. There are concerns that the location is not safe, due mainly to poor sightlines. Accidents have already occurred in this area, and adding a driveway entrance here is a safety concern. It also does not match the location for the driveway as specified in the subdivision permit. Photos were provided. The curb cut for this driveway has not been approved and the application has just been received by the Selectboard. Logan LeCompte, H. Boisse, and R. Parker will do a site visit to review and make suggestions. J. McNerney will be checking on the original subdivision requirements.
- e. KEY POLICY: The town clerk in unsure how many sets of keys are out, and suggested we establish a policy. No action was taken.
- f. 911 ADDRESS APPLICATIONS – VERMONT GAS : For the access road for the main line valve. This will be directed to Diane and Ken Wheeling.

**7. OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. ILLEGAL DWELLING – BENNETT ROAD: The Sherriff has served an eviction notice. At this time, the issue is still unresolved. Jim Carroll will be contacted to see if there are any resolutions that can be provided from a legal standpoint to get state police involved.
- b. FIRE STATION ADDITION STATUS: No action taken

**8. OTHER BUSINESS:**

- a. S. Pilcher reviewed the interested parties for the open positions.
- b. R. Parker spoke with a resident and she is not interested in housing animals impounded by the Animal Control Officer.
- c. DETERMINE TIME/DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on March 27, 2017 at 7:00pm.
- d. S. Pilcher is hoping to do appointments at the next meeting.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**H. Boisse moved to adjourn at 8:44, J. McNerney seconded. Motion carried with a vote of 4-0-0.**