

MONKTON SELECTBOARD MEETING
MONKTON TOWN HALL
MINUTES
DATE: Monday June 4, 2018

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** S. Pilcher called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.
2. **ATTENDANCE:** Stephen Pilcher, John McNerney, Roger Parker, Anne Layn, Bill Martin.

Others in Attendance: Don & Julie Gould, Wayne Preston

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
 - A. Received several emails from Don Gould regarding recent road work on Piney Woods Rd.
 - B. ACRPC has updated their regional transportation plan. A copy can be found on their web site.
4. **REGULAR BUSINESS:**
 - A. **APPROVE MINUTES:** The Board reviewed the minutes from 5/14/18. **A. Layn moved to approve the minutes as written. R. Parker seconded. Voted and passed, 5-0-0**
 - B. **REVIEW AND APPROVE CHECK WARRANTS:**

P/R 80525	5/25/18	\$7,832.48
A/P 80515	5/15/18	\$18,285.36
A/P 80529	5/29/18	\$
 - C. **REVIEW AND APPROVE OVERWEIGHT PERMITS, ETC.**
 - Parker Sanborn
 - HLG Excavating (Bradley Hayden)
 - Goodro Lumber Co.
 - RJ Smith Transportation
 - Hood Distribution
 - Tim Paquette
 - D. **PUBLIC COMMENT (Guests):** Don Gould commented on recent road maintenance to Piney Woods Rd. Mr Gould reminded the board that after major road maintenance some time ago, he complained that the road had been raised (Mr Gould claims by 18"). He had to call to get the curb cuts fixed so he and his tenant could get out. He noted that the driveway was fixed to allow access, but still had several complaints: (1) "dovetails" need to be addressed, (2) building up his driveway to meet the road while keeping the same width at the base resulted in narrowing the top surface of the drive. He would like this addressed. (3)

Recent road work involved dumping and grading 2 tandem loads in the area, raising the road 2 more inches, creating similar problems to the previous road work. He also stated that this is a safety concern for him and for his tenant, since he can't mow along the shoulder. He also stated that inability to mow will hamper his ability to control Wild Parsnip. R. Parker noted that dirt roads lose an inch of height a year, so if it has been a while, it takes a couple of inches just to return it to its previous height. D. Gould noted that he used to be able to get a 70 ft trailer in and out without a problem. He would like it returned to that condition. S. Pilcher designated A. Layn and R. Parker to make a site visit – to be coordinated with D. Gould. They will report their findings back to the select board.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **GLEBE LAND at 2342 Monkton Rd (VT Gas):** This is the former Vasatka land. **A. Layn moved and R. Parker seconded to execute a quit claim deed to VT Gas releasing any claim the Town of Monkton may have in the parcel at 2342 Monkton Rd due to a Glebe Land provision in the deed. Voted and approved 5-0-0**
- B. **ROAD FOREMAN POSITION: J. McNerney moved and A. Layn seconded to enter executive session at 7:36 PM for the purposes of discussing hiring of a Road Foreman. Voted and approved 5-0-0.** The Selectboard invited Wayne Preston to join the executive session.

A. Layn moved to exit executive session at 8:45pm, B. Martin seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0. The selectboard voted 5-0-0 to make an offer to Ben Holwedel.

- C. **FY 19 DEC GRANTS-IN-AID PROGRAM:** W. Preston explained that given the resignation of our Road Foreman and how short-handed we are on the Road Crew, we will not be able to meet the deadline for the work covered under this grant. He has been given indications that if we re-apply, it will be granted. The Select Board will take up reapplying at their next meeting.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER / DOG ISSUE:** Received a verbal update from A. Layn regarding her investigation of a dog in violation of our animal control ordinance for excessive barking. Anne will submit a written report for Select Board review at our next meeting.
- B. **2018 APPOINTMENTS: J. McNerney moved and R. Parker seconded to appoint the following to the Municipal Building Committee:**
 - **Ian Smiley**

- **Heather Bessette**
 - **Peter Straube**
 - **Stephen Pilcher**
 - **Melanie Cote**
 - **Jere Urban**
 - **Eric Baun**
 - **Peter Norris**
 - **Deb Mager Rickner**
- Voted and approved, 5-0-0**

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. **DETERMINE TIME/DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be held on 6/11/18 at 7:00pm.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

- R. Parker moved to adjourn at 10:08pm, A. Layn seconded. Voted and approved 5-0-0.**