

**Town of Monkton
Selectboard Meeting
April 8, 2019**

Call to Order: Stephen Pilcher called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm

Attendance:

Present- Bill Martin, John McNerney, Stephen Pilcher, Marikate Kelley,
Anne Layn

Visitors- Ben Hollwedel, Peter Newton - ACSD, Brent Newton - ACSD, Laura
Farrell - Conservation Commission, Ian Smiley – Library Trustee,
Ann Miller

Announcements:

- None

Regular Business:

- **Approve Minutes: B. Martin moved to approve the Mar 25, 2019 meeting minutes. M. Kelley seconded the motion. Voted and approved 4-0-1** (A. Layn abstained)
- **Review and approve check warrants-** The following check warrants were reviewed and signed:
 - AP90327 Mar 27, 2019 \$8,446.11
 - PR90401 Apr 1, 2019 \$11,684.09
 - AP90408 Apr 8, 2019 \$34,288.44
- **Review and approve overweight permits-** The following overweight permits were reviewed and approved:
 - Crystal Rock LLC
 - Bevins & Sons
 - Structures RBR Inc.
 - Harrison Concrete Construction, Inc.
 - Harrison Redi-mix Corp.
 - Scott O’Berle DBA O’Berle Bulldog Trucking
 - R P Frost, Inc.
 - R. Parker Enterprises, Inc.
 - Chevalier Drilling Co., Inc.
 - Curtis Lumber Co., Inc.
 - Brown’s Certified Welding Inc. (Brown’s Crane Service)
 - Gauthier Trucking Co., Inc.
 - Canopy Timber Alternatives
 - Jeffrey K. Palin
 - Wells Trucking / Ronnie Wells
 - Keith Mayo
 - Richmond Home Supply

- Green Mt Siteworks, LLC
 - Vaillancourt Transport
 - M A Redmond Property Maintenance LLC / Michael Redmond
 - Tim Morse & Sons Trucking
 - BSP Trans. Inc.
 - Robert Gaboriault / Red Cedar Trucking
 - Allen Pools & Chemicals
 - Tim Thompson Trucking, LLC
 - T & C Trucking, LLC
 - Burnham Excavating
 - LR Provencher Earthworks, Inc.
 - Barrett Trucking Co, Inc.
 - All-Star Fuels
 - Kimball Transport
 - Park Valley View Trucking
 - Multy Builders, LLC / Bill Sinks
- **Public comment**
 - Ben Hollwedel inquired on behalf of Dupont Auto about the rules for putting up information signs along the side of the road. Bill Martin provided some information about state regulations, based on his own experience. Ben will touch base with Bill outside the meeting.
 - Ann Miller spoke to the Select Board regarding her interest in being appointed to an opening on the Conservation Commission.

New Business:

- **Role of Revitalized Conservation Commission** – Steve Pilcher provided a copy of the Vermont statutes regarding the powers and duties of Conservation Commissions. Laura Farrell (CC Chair) spoke about her research into the role Conservation Commissions in our area play in their towns. She explained that though the roles vary greatly from town to town, one thing they all have in common is that they act as an advocate or representative for natural resources in the community, particularly when those resources are affected by various projects.
- **Addison Count Sheriff Overweight Permits** – Peter Newton and Brent Newton from the Addison County Sheriff’s Department introduced themselves to the Select board and described the process that have come up with to deal with overweight permits when a company is looking for county-wide permits. They will handle the application, collect all fees and forward them to the respective towns. This appears to save a lot of time and hassle for the towns, the sheriff department, and the companies seeking permits. They explained that companies seeking anything other than permits for all towns in the county will still need to do their own applications to the individual towns. They also explained that they now have two people authorized to operate the scales and said they would be doing random checks as part of their patrols in Monkton, unless the Select Board objected. They explained that the fines are rather steep, but their practice is to write it up as a lesser violation for the first offense, then write up the more

expensive violation for repeat offenders. The Select Board agreed with the Sheriff Dept. doing the overweight checks in Monkton.

- **Russell Memorial Library Capital Campaign** – Ian Smiley, RML Trustee, spoke to the Select Board about plans for a capital campaign to raise funds for a new library building – possibly as part of a new town building. They are hoping to attend an upcoming conference in Burlington to make contacts and possibly find a consultant to assist with a feasibility study. Ian also discussed the possibility of finding grants to support the effort.
- **Highway Crew Summer Hire** – Ben Hollwedel discussed a candidate he had found to help with roadside mowing and general labor this summer. (Marcel is no longer available to help.) Funds for the position are already in the budget. The Select Board agreed with Ben proceeding with this hire.
- **Liquor License – John McNerney moved to approve the application to renew Monkton General Store’s liquor license. Bill Martin seconded. Voted and approved 5-0-0**
- **Homeward Bound Contract** – Discussed contract with Homeward Bound for housing stray animals. **Bill Martin moved to sign the contract as discussed. John McNerney seconded. Voted and approved 5-0-0.**
- **2019 Appointments – Marikate Kelley moved and Bill Martin seconded to appoint the following candidates to the offices indicated. Voted 5-0-0**
 - Deb Gaynor - ACSWMD - term expires March 2020
 - Jessica Demeritt (alternate) - ACSWMD - term expires March 2020
 - Dianne Bennett - 911 Coordinator - term expires March 2020
 - Ann Miller - Conservation Commission – bal. of term expires March 2020
 - Charlie Huizenga - Recreation Committee - term expires March 2022
 - Ian Schulze - Web Master - Term Expires March 2020

Old Business:

- **Lower Speed Limit-** No action taken
- **No Through trucks-** Addison County Sheriff is enforcing in conjunction with the overweight enforcement.
- **Town of Monkton Charter-** No action taken
- **Water from Vicinity of Library-** Discussed next steps. We will arrange with Town Highway Dept. to dig up old abandoned well to verify if it was properly decommissioned.

Other Business:

- **Higbee Rd Curb Cut** - Steve Pilcher will do a site visit for the proposed curb cut on Higbee Rd.
- **Time/Date of Next Meeting-** Monday, April 22, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall

Adjournment:

- **Anne Layn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Marikate Kelley seconded the motion. Voted 5-0-0. Meeting adjourned at ____ PM**

Minutes submitted by John McNerney