

MONKTON SELECT BOARD MEETING
MONKTON TOWN HALL
Monday, June 10, 2019

S. Pilcher called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Members Present: John McNerney, Bill Martin, Stephen Pilcher, Marikate Kelley

Members Absent: Anne Layn

Others Present: Betsy Brown (Recording Secretary), Eric Bessette, Gill Coates, Sam Burr.

Announcements:

None

MINUTES

The minutes of May 27, 2019 were reviewed. **B. Martin made a motion to accept the minutes as is. J. McNerney seconded. Motion passed by a vote of 3-0-1.**

REVIEW AND APPROVE CHECK WARRANTS

The following check warrants were received and signed:

AP #90521 \$33,35.01 05-21-2019

AP #53019 \$22, 169.58 05-30-2019

PR #90610 \$11,364.41 06-10-2019

OVERWEIGHT PERMITS

The following overweight permits were reviewed and approved:

Kent Nutrition Group

Bradley Hayden – HLG Excavating, LLC

Heffernan Brothers Aggregate

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Eric Bessette and Gil Coates, on behalf of the Monkton Historical Society, came to discuss repairs to the Boro Schoolhouse. The Historical Society intends to use monies that were donated to them for the repair of the schoolhouse. The schoolhouse is located on town land. They hope to work on it this summer and fall. They are hoping the road crew might be able to help with a wood chipper and someone qualified to use it. S. Pilcher will speak with road foreman to see if they are willing to help. The Selectboard has no problem with brush clearing. The Selectboard will give an official seal of approval for building repairs at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

DRAFT 2018 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BY PACE & HAWLEY AND MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATION LETTER:

The Selectboard reviewed the draft financial statement from Pace & Hawley. The Chair of the Selectboard is asked to sign a Management Representation letter.

B. Martin made a motion to sign the Management Representation Letter. J. McNerney seconded. Motion passed by a vote of 4-0-0.

HIGHWAY GRANTS:

Ben Hollwedel asked for letter of intent from the Selectboard to participate in Municipal Road Grants In Aid Program. **M. Kelley mad a motion to sign a letter of intent to participate in the Municipal Roads Grant In Aid Program. J. McNerney seconded. Motion passed by a vote of 4-0-0.**

The Town is being awarded a grant for VTrans in amount of \$168,000 for culverts.

M. Kelley made a motion to accept the State of VT Standard Grant Agreement #BC1995 for the amount of \$168,000. B. Martin seconded. Motion passed by a vote of 4-0-0.

CONTRACT FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES:

No action taken.

CEMETERY STATUS:

VT Old Cemetery Association (VOCA) came to town and helped numerous volunteers work on the Dean Smith Cemetery.

DOMINION TECH RECOMMENDATIONS:

No action taken.

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR HUIZENGA FARM CONSERVATION – ANAC:

Sam Burr represented ANAC. **J. McNerney moved to approve the ANAC recommendation for \$40k from the ANAC fund toward the conservation of the Huizenga farm. B. Martin seconded. Motion passed by a vote of 4-0-0.**

REVIEW BID FOR REPLACING OF LEDGER BOARD:

No bids have been received. The Selectboard is actively looking for people to do the work.

PROCESS FOR RECLASSIFYING ROADS:

An advertisement was placed in the Addy Indy, Front Porch Forum, and the Town Website. VLCT advocates having the Town Attorney involved in the process.

OLD BUSINESS:

DOG COMPLAINT:

J. McNerney noted that the neighbors responded to his email. The issues they were experiencing have gotten better. However, they did wish to have their complaint "on record" in case there are problems in the future. All information was passed on to the Town Animal Control Officer.

TOWN OF MONKTON CHARTER:

No action taken.

COMPLAINTS REGARDING WATER COMING FROM THE VICINITY OF RUSSELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY:

The town has completed the planned testing of potential town-owned sources of this water. None of the tests indicated a problem from town wells or septic systems.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Selectboard received a Curb Cut application from Sid Sumner. He would like a curb cut off of Piney Woods Road for his garage. Ben Hollwedel has been to look at the site. B. Martin will do a site visit.

The Selectboard received a letter from the listers regarding that they believe that there are 5 properties in Town that are in violation of the VT Salvage Yards statutes. S. Pilcher showed the letter to the Zoning Administrator. The ZA noted that he has been in touch with the State junkyard inspector on a separate case in Bristol and said he would discuss the properties with him. There will be further discussion at the next Selectboard meeting.

DETERMINE DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

The next Selectboard meeting will be June 24, 2019 at 7:00pm.

Adjournment

J. McNerney made a motion to adjourn. Motion passed by a vote of 4-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.