

MONKTON SELECTBOARD MEETING
MONKTON TOWN HALL
Monday November 11, 2019

S. Pilcher called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: John Barrows, Fianna Barrows, Adam Bouchard, Jaime Schulte, Ben Hollwedel, Alex Dalton, Betsy Brown (Recording Secretary)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

S. Pilcher read a letter from Comcast regarding internet service for qualifying low-income households where they will provide high speed internet access for \$9.95/mo.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

APPROVE MINUTES:

J. McNerney made a motion to approve the minutes of October 28, 2019 as amended. B. Martin seconded. All voted in favor 5-0-0.

M. Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes of October 30, 2019 as amended. B. Martin seconded. All voted in favor 5-0-0.

REVIEW AND APPROVE CHECK WARRANTS

The Board reviewed and approved the following check warrants:

A/P #91031 10/31/19 \$90,611.47

A/P #91016 10/16/19 \$2,675.68

P/R #91108 11/08/19 \$14,317.17

REVIEW AND APPROVE OVERWEIGHT PERMITS, ETC.

The following overweight permit was reviewed and approved:

HLG Excavation, LLC

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

INFRINGMENT OF ROW ON JOCKEY LANE

Fianna Barrows and John Barrows approached the Board regarding an issue on Jockey Lane in the approximate location of where the road turns from Class 3 to Class 4. J. McNerney noted that he owns property in the area. F. Barrows noted that there have been some vehicles in the right of way and the road seems to be migrating west. Grade alterations and ditching have been changed on the Barrows property. The concrete blocks that the town put in to stop people from using the unmaintained portion of Jockey Lane have been moved. F. & J. Barrows shared some photos and copies of surveys of neighboring properties with the Selectboard. S. Pilcher noted that he reached out to the Town Attorney who said the first order of business should be to go into the records and find the original survey map for the road.

J. McNerney will reach out to Tim Short (surveyor) to see what information he can give the Town as to where he found the original survey for Jockey Lane.

S. Pilcher noted that the first steps are find the survey information and have the right-of-way flagged. A. Layn noted that photos should be taken when the flags are placed.

ACO APPOINTMENT

Alexandra (Alex) Dalton has applied for the ACO position and stated that she spoke with Melanie Peyser for over an hour to get an idea as to what the job entails. J. McNerney noted that he is more than willing to go on calls with her if she ever feels uncomfortable. **B. Martin made a motion to approve Alex Dalton as ACO effective December 1, 2019. A. Layn seconded. All voted in favor. Motion passed 5-0-0.**

SCHEDULE ROAD RECLASSIFICATION HEARING

The road discontinuation hearing for Town Highway 36 will be at 6:30pm on December 16th, 2019 followed by the regular meeting at 7pm.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

S. Pilcher got a call from the Addison County Sheriff's Department asking if the Town would be willing to generate some community service opportunities. Working at the recycling facility was one option discussed.

2020 BUDGET

S. Pilcher sent a budget around to all the committees.

OLD BUSINESS:

FUTURE TOWN HALL STAFFING

S. Pilcher looked at the amount of work he has done over the past 2 weeks and it was quite a bit of time. He will keep track for a few months to get a better idea.

SALVAGE YARDS IN MONKTON

The Zoning Administrator sent out Notices of Violation to 5 landowners.

TOWN OF MONKTON CHARTER

A. Layn noted that it appears that the Board can go ahead and create an article. A. Layn will write up the draft language she had at the last meeting and go ahead and send it to the Town Attorney.

OTHER BUSINESS:

B. Hollwedel noted that he received a resignation from an employee today. He also noted that the new truck was brought to Viking to add the snow plowing/salting equipment. A. Layn asked about private contractors helping out. B. Hollwedel noted he could look into costs. B. Hollwedel noted that a culvert on Mountain Road just collapsed. Piney Woods Road, which was damaged during the Halloween storm, needs about 3 full days of work to be passable again. FEMA was supposed to come last week but did not show up. The Board noted that he can put up jersey barriers until the road can be opened again. B. Hollwedel also called around looking for rental trucks. He noted that Starksboro's new truck was ordered in September 2018 and it was finally ready today. M. Kelley noted that maybe for this winter it would make sense to contract out some help. B. Hollwedel noted that he will call around for feedback.

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT ON GRANTS

The question is as to whether mileage, if part of a grant, should be at the Federal level or what the Town Monkton level is. S. Pilcher will put it on the Agenda for next meeting.

DETERMINE TIME/DATE OF NEXT MEETING

November 25th, 2019 at 7pm.

ADJOURNMENT

M. Kelley made a motion to adjourn. A. Layn seconded. All voted in favor by a vote of 5-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Betsy Brown
Recording Secretary