

MONKTON SELECTBOARD MEETING  
MONKTON TOWN HALL  
Monday December 16, 2019

S. Pilcher called the meeting to order at 7:01pm

**Members Present:** John McNerney, Stephen Pilcher, Bill Martin, Anne Layn, Marikate Kelley (arrived at 7:10)

**Members Absent:** none

**Others Present:** Betsy Brown (Recording Secretary), Ben Hollwedel (Road Foreman), David Layn, Mike New

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Town Hall furnace installation is complete

**REGULAR BUSINESS:**

APPROVE MINUTES

**J. McNerney made a motion to approve the minutes of December 9, 2019 as written. B. Martin seconded. Motion passed by a vote of 4-0-0.** (M. Kelley not present for vote).

REVIEW AND APPROVE CHECK WARRANTS

The following check warrants were reviewed and approved:

A/P #91210 12/10/19 \$70,282.97

A/P #91216 12/16/19 \$8,988.20

REVIEW AND APPROVE OVERWEIGHT PERMITS, ETC.

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

WINTER ROAD COVERAGE PROPOSALS

Masterson Excavators are proposing \$175 per event (meaning each time they make a run, not per storm), estimating \$4200 assuming 24 snow events. The quote includes

Old Stage Road, Parks-Hurlburt Road, and Lime Kiln Road for plowing and sanding (using sand from the Town Shed). The Board was in agreement to give this a shot and see how it goes.

**2020 BUDGET**

The Selectboard reviewed the proposed 2020 budget. S. Pilcher has not met with the Town Clerk to go over her budget yet.

B. Hollwedel gave a run down on the proposed highway budget. 168K (structures grant on Bristol Road town needs to pay 20%) and \$14,760 (stormwater on States Prison) are granted funded projects. He is hoping to get a paving grant for approx 110K. Employees budget proposed up 3%. B. Hollwedel noted that he went up on property maintenance as the garage bay doors are in dire need of repair. He hopes to add outlet power to the one bay that doesn't have it. Gravel has gone up 5%. He has budgeted a little more for salt & winter sand. Paving is a 5% increase.

B. Hollwedel met with someone from VTrans re: the Mountain Road culvert. He noted that he was told that the Mountain Road culvert project is not eligible for an emergency grant from the State. They did advise that they think the Town can get a grant from FEMA. They noted that the Piney Woods project may qualify for FEMA as well.

B. Hollwedel noted that the temporary culvert on Mountain Road has been installed.

Mike New & David Layn presented the proposed budget for the Monkton Volunteer Fire Department. S. Pilcher had a question about First Response line and why it was low. M. New noted that they apparently get a lot of their equipment from Bristol Rescue. D. Layn noted that Engine 2 has a pump that needs some work. The FD is hoping that they can fix it, otherwise a new pump costs 20K. Another anticipated cost will be to have the trailer removed from the recycling center. The Department is going to fund the "truck fund" this year. D. Layn noted that the Utility truck will probably be the next one to be replaced.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**INFRINGEMENT OF ROW ON JOCKEY LANE**

No action taken (deferred till spring)

**FUTURE TOWN HALL STAFFING**

No action taken

SALVAGE YARDS IN MONKTON

No action taken

TH 36 ROAD RECLASSIFICATION

No action taken

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

The Board reviewed the changes to the proposed Town Plan that were discussed at the last Selectboard meeting.

DETERMINE TIME/DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is January 13, 2020 at 7:00pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**B. Martin made a motion to adjourn. A. Layn seconded. All voted in favor.**  
Meeting adjourned at 9:59pm.