

MONKTON SELECTBOARD MEETING
MONKTON TOWN HALL
Monday January 20, 2020

S. Pilcher called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Selectboard Members Present: John McNerney, Stephen Pilcher, Bill Martin, Anne Layn, Marikate Kelley (arrived at 6:35pm).

Selectboard Members Absent: none

Others Present: Betsy Brown (Recording Secretary), Callie Brynn, Cathie Buscaglia, Ben Hollwedel (Road Foreman) via phone.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

REGULAR BUSINESS:

APPROVE MINUTES

Minutes of January 13, 2020. **B. Martin moved to approve the minutes of January 13, 2020 as written. A. Layn seconded. All voted in favor. Motion passed by a vote of 4-0-0** (M. Kelley absent).

REVIEW AND APPROVE CHECK WARRANTS

The following check warrants were reviewed and signed:

P/R #00117 1/17/2020 \$12,551.75

A/P #00120 1/20/2020 \$25,918.72

REVIEW AND APPROVE OVERWEIGHT PERMITS, ETC.

The following overweight permits were reviewed and approved:
none

PUBLIC COMMENT

none

NEW BUSINESS:

SUPPORT LETTER FOR DOG PARK

The Selectboard reviewed a draft letter of support for a Dog Park in Monkton at Morse Park. The letter is needed by the Dog Park Committee for grant applications. **J. McNerney moved to approve the letter in support for a Dog Park in Monkton. B. Martin seconded. Discussion ensued. B. Martin suggested adding an “s” at the end of “wetland”. All voted in favor. Motion passed by a vote of 4-0-0** (MK absent).

C. Bascaglia asked that the dog park have a spot on the Town Website. She suggested under the Town Services tab. J. McNerney noted that under “Community” might be a better spot, since the Dog Park is not being run by the Town. C. Bascaglia also asked about getting an email address. S. Pilcher suggested that she contact the webmaster to get that set up.

C. Bascaglia asked about content on their part of the website and asked if there was any content review before going live. S. Pilcher noted, that no, it is trusted that the information going up will be appropriate. C. Brynn noted that they can email the Selectboard what information they would like to put up on the website.

A page has been prepared for the Town Report.

TOWN HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS

No action taken

RECYCLING HAULING

No action taken

DRAFT TOWN MEETING WARNING

S. Pilcher noted that it has not changed substantially since the last meeting. There should be finalized version at the next meeting.

2020 BUDGET

S. Pilcher emailed all the committees to get their numbers. ANAC is willing to cut their budget from 50k to 30k. Planning Commission agreed to forego \$1k for legal fees. A. Layn is anticipating that a big issue at Town Meeting this year will be our trucks and conditions of roads. She asked about the status of a 5 year capital equipment replacement plan. S. Pilcher noted that we have not yet updated that from the previous year plan.

S. Pilcher noted that the auditors need the #s by the end of the next meeting.

B. Hollwedel joined the conversation via phone at 6:45pm.

The Selectboard then reviewed the Highway budget. One area where S. Pilcher thought some money could be saved was for the Bristol Rd. culvert replacement. S. Pilcher asked

if any of the construction for that could be done by the town crew, rather than hiring the whole thing out. B. Hollwedel noted that the Town could do the trucking and maybe some gravel, but don't have the manpower to do any more. B. Hollwedel estimates that the town could possibly save approximately 10K if the highway crew did the trucking. S. Pilcher noted that he will change the contract services from 205k to 197K. S. Pilcher asked about the 60K for Repairs/Parts/Blades. B. Hollwedel has concerns about some of the older equipment and doesn't want to overspend what he has budgeted. S. Pilcher suggests cutting that back to 45K. B. Hollwedel suggested cutting some of the culvert line as there is a good inventory at the Town Garage for any future emergency repairs for small culverts. The Town Garage doors need some repairs. J. McNerney has some reservations about knocking down the Repairs/Parts/Blades to 45K, given the age and condition of some of our equipment. A. Layn noted that renting equipment when needed can be much cheaper in the long run than buying used. S. Pilcher will go to the library meeting tomorrow night to discuss their budget.

OLD BUSINESS:

PUBLIC INFORMATION PAGE

No action taken.

INFRINGEMENT OF ROW ON JOCKEY LANE

No action taken.

FUTURE TOWN HALL STAFFING

No action taken

SALVAGE YARDS IN MONKTON

No action taken.

TH 36 ROAD RECLASSIFICATION

No action taken.

OTHER BUSINESS:

DETERMINE TIME/DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7:00pm Monday, January 27th, 2020 at 7:00pm @ Monkton Town Hall

ADJOURNMENT

A. Layn made a motion to adjourn. B. Martin seconded. All voted in favor, 5-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy Brown
Recording Secretary