

MONKTON SELECTBOARD MEETING  
MONKTON TOWN HALL  
Minutes  
Monday January 27, 2020  
(Approved 2/10/20)

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

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

Members Absent: none

Others Present: Laura Farrell, Sam Burr, Paul Low, Wade Acker

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

S. Pilcher noted that he and Ben Hollwedel attended the FEMA orientation for applicants for the Halloween Storm meeting this morning. 45% public infrastructure damage done is covered by FEMA. Because we have a LEOP (local emergency operation plan) and a Hazard Mitigation Plan we are be eligible for another 12.5% from the state.

**REGULAR BUSINESS:**

APPROVE MINUTES

**J. McNerney made a motion to approve the minutes of January 20, 2020. B. Martin seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.**

REVIEW AND APPROVE CHECK WARRANTS:

The following check warrants were reviewed and signed:

A/P #00123 1/23/2020 \$14,416.72

REVIEW AND APPROVE OVERWEIGHT PERMITS, ETC.:

none

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

RECYCLING HAULING

W. Acker approached the Board expressing interest in hauling the roll-off dumpsters at the recycling center. The board discussed his hourly rate for hauling. W. Acker noted that the total time to make the run to Middlebury would be about 90 minutes. **J. McNerney moved to switch to Acker Waste Management to haul our rolloffs per receipt of a written quote detailing the terms outlined, effective February 8, 2020. B. Martin seconded. All voted in favor. 5-0-0.**

ANAC REQUEST TO APPROVE \$40,000 TO SUPPORT ADDING OPTION TO "PURCHASE AT AGRICULTURAL VALUE" TO DOYLE-BURR LAST RESORT FARM EASEMENT

L. Farrell summarized the project. It is an application to ANAC for \$40,000 from the Agricultural and Natural Areas Fund in support of adding an option to purchase at agricultural value (OPAV) to the conservation easement on Last Resort Farm. The farm was conserved in 1994 with no town funding. It was the first conserved farm in Monkton. M. Kelley asked how this would impact the grand list. S. Burr noted that it doesn't as its value that is still there, it's just that part of the value is held by another entity. J. McNerney asked whether the water quality aspect was something that simply a maintenance project or something that would become part of the easement. S. Burr pointed out on the map the areas that were mentioned in the easement containing restrictions to protect water quality. **B. Martin moved to approve spending 40K out of the ANAC fund to support the purchase of an OPAV in conjunction with the Vermont Land Trust and VHCB. J. McNerney seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.**

PACE AND HAWLEY FINANCIAL REVIEW ENGAGEMENT LETTER

This is for a financial review of Town finances for 2019. The fees will not exceed \$3,150.00. **J. McNerney moved to accept proposal for Pace & Hawley for financial review for 2019. B. Martin seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.**

BOND RESOLUTION

The Selectboard reviewed the Bond Resolution Certificate (see copy attached). **J. McNerney moved to approve as written. B. Martin seconded. Motion passed by a vote of 5-0-0.**

ADOPTION OF BOND WARNING AND SAMPLE BALLOT

**M. Kelley moved to accept the Bond Warning as edited (removed an extra comma). A. Layn seconded. Motion passed by a vote of 5-0-0. M. Kelley then Moved to approve the form of the official ballot for the bond. J. McNerney seconded. Motion passed by a vote of 5-0-0.**

TOWN HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS

No action taken

2020 BUDGET

Letters have been received from the various social service agencies asking for their yearly appropriations. Hinesburg Food Shelf is a new one this year.

J. McNerney expressed concerned that a proposed reduction in the highway payroll line would leave us underfunded. The Board deliberated on the number and ultimately decided to go with the number that Ben Hollwedel presented.

**B. Martin to approve budget as suggested. J. McNerney seconded. All voted in favor. Motion passed by a vote of 5-0-0.**

TOWN MEETING WARNING

The Board reviewed the proposed Town Warning. \$1, 529,492.54 is the total budget amount that will be voted on. The municipal tax rate would be .4387.

**M. Kelley moved to approve the town warning as amended. B. Martin seconded. All voted in favor. Motion passed 5-0-0.**

The Board also reviewed the Selectboard report that would be printed in the Town Report.

**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:**

J. McNerney noted that he called the number on the construction trailer that was left at the park and ride for a couple of weeks and left a message that if was not removed, the Selectboard would take action at their next meeting and possibly have it towed. It appeared that the trailer was placed there for the purpose of advertising. The trailer was moved prior to tonight's Selectboard meeting.

DETERMINE TIME/DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Feb 10, 2020 at 7pm at Monkton Town Hall.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A. Layn moved to adjourn. B. Martin seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:12pm.**