

MONKTON SELECTBOARD MEETING

DATE: Monday September 14, 2020

REMOTE MEETING ONLY – Meeting will be recorded and recording posted

S. Pilcher called the meeting to order a 7pm

Members Present: Stephen Pilcher, MariKate Kelley, Paul Low, John McNerney, Bill Martin

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Karen & George Parker, Jane & Nate Palmer, Betsy Brown
(Recording Secretary)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

REGULAR BUSINESS:

APPROVE MINUTES

M. Kelley moved to approve the minutes of August 24, 2020 as written. P. Low seconded. All voted in favor. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Aug 31 special SB **M. Kelley moved to approve the minutes of the August 31, 2020 special meeting as written. J. McNerney seconded. All voted in favor. Motion passed 5-0-0.**

REVIEW AND APPROVE OVERWEIGHT PERMITS, ETC.

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS:

SCOUTS BSA REQUEST TO USE TOWN GREEN FOR POPCORN SALES

K. Parker pointed out the Boy Scout organization is now named Scouts BSA. K. Parker asked if popcorn sales could be held on the Town Green/drive in front of the library as a drive through. Due to COVID-19, the scouts are no longer allowed to sell door to door.

It would be Saturdays and Sunday starting Sept 26 through Oct 18. P. Low would like to make sure that access to the library when open would not be impeded. G. Parker asked about the Town Hall parking area. B. Martin noted not enough width. P. Low thought the Town Hall parking area would be too dangerous. K. Parker noted that they have successfully run similar programs in the past without causing a problem for the library. She will reach out to the library to make arrangements that work for all involved. **M. Kelley moved to allow the Scouts BSA to set up on town green in front of the library on weekends Sept 26th-Oct 18th for sale of popcorn with a provision to allow access to the library at all open times. B. Martin seconded. All voted in favor. Motion passed 5-0-0.**

ECI RIGHT OF WAY PERMIT TO REPAIR ROTAX ROAD FROST HEAVE

ECI met with the Road Foreman (Ben Hollwedel) regarding the work they are doing for VT Gas to solve the frost heave issue on Rotax Road. S. Pilcher noted that the Road Foreman feels that what they are proposing is overkill. The plan is to dig up the area and put bedding material over the pipe and put in perforated pipe. On top of the perforated pipe is gravel insulation material and then material to build up to the road surface. The R.O.W. permit was reviewed by B. Hollwedel. He noted in his review that one lane of the road will be open when construction happens. J. & N. Palmer requested that an engineer of record sign off on the plans and asked if there signed are documents by an engineer for this project? The Palmer's would also like to see documentation as to how deep the cover over the pipe is.

B. Martin moved to approve the right-of-way permit subject to the following conditions: one lane of traffic, plans certified by engineer of record, depth of cover of pipe be recorded, photographs of worksite taken daily documenting project. P. Low seconded. All voted in favor. Motion passed 5-0-0.

BUDGET STATUS REPORT

P. Low requested tabling this to the next meeting to give him more time to review. There was some discussion about the numbers for the new town hall.

HOTALING CURB CUT ROTAX ROAD

P. Low took a look at this with Ben Hollwedel, Road Foreman. Ben gave the applicant specs for a culvert pipe. J. McNerney noted that when the Select Board reviewed a curb cut on Hardscrabble Rd, we asked the applicant to be 50' from the property line. S. Pilcher noted that they should wait until the next meeting when we have the fully completed application form.

APPOINTMENTS

Caroline Alves has expressed interest in appointment to one of the open positions on the Conservation Commission. J. McNerney noted 2 openings-one expiring March 2021 and one March of 2024. After some discussion, **J. McNerney moved to appoint Caroline Alves to the Conservation Commission for the balance of the term expiring March of 2024. M. Kelley seconded.** P. Low asked if this person is a Monkton resident. S. Pilcher confirmed that she is. **All voted in favor. Motion passed 5-0-0.**

S. Pilcher noted that the Addison County Communications Union District organizational meeting was last week (ACCUD). S. Pilcher would like to advertise the positions for this Board. **J. McNerney moved to appoint S. Pilcher as interim representative to the ACCUD pending the outcome of advertising the permanent position. P. Low seconded. All voted in favor. Motion passed 5-0-0.**

NORTH POND ROAD RECLASSIFICATION

Needs a 30 day warning. Authorization has already been given for S. Pilcher to initiate the warnings.

NEW TOWN OFFICES AND LIBRARY STATUS

S. Pilcher updated the Board. The finishing of pouring all 4 walls is happening. Slab will be poured later this week. They are running about 5 days late but still feel they can meet the contract date.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR STATUS RE: COVID-19

No updates

OLD BUSINESS:

INFRINGEMENT OF ROW ON JOCKEY LANE

J. McNerney has not heard from the surveyor. J. McNerney will check with the town treasurer to see if the down payment has been made.

SALVAGE YARDS IN MONKTON

No action taken

TH 36 ROAD RECLASSIFICATION

No action taken

TOWN CREDIT CARD AND POLICY

No action taken

CLOUD STORAGE AND POLICY

No action taken

OTHER BUSINESS:

A Girl Scout has approached the town about some work for her Gold Project. This would be a fence replacement at the Boro Cemetery and also create a website about the cemeteries of Monkton. P. Low will work with the Scout.

Addison County Solid waste is only offering blue bins to new residents and any residents that don't have a recycling bin. Otherwise it'll cost \$5/bin.

The listers have selected Cartography Associates, Inc. to do our tax parcel maps. S. Pilcher noted that the data will belong to the town and the public will have access through an app hosted by CA. S. Pilcher applied for a grant which he hopes will help pay for this.

DETERMINE TIME/DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Sept 28th, 2020 at 7pm.

ADJOURNMENT

M.Kelley moved to adjourn. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Betsy Brown