

MONKTON SELECTBOARD MEETING  
MONKTON TOWN HALL  
MINUTES  
Monday July 12, 2021

In Person at Town Offices at 92 Monkton Ridge Road or Remotely

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

**Members Present In Person:** Stephen Pilcher (Chair), John McNerney, Paul Low, Bill Martin

**Members Present Remotely:** Marikate Kelley

Others Present: Betsy Brown (Recording Secretary)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The projector screen is now in place.

**REGULAR BUSINESS:**

APPROVE MINUTES

**J. McNerney moved to approve the minutes of June 28, 2021 as written. P. Low seconded. Motion Passed 4-0-1.** M. Kelley abstained.

REVIEW AND APPROVE CHECK WARRANTS

**B. Martin moved to approve A/P #10709 dated 7/9/21 in the amount of \$11,805.57. J. McNerney seconded.** B. Martin asked about an invoice for the Highway Dept. **All voted in favor.**

REVIEW AND APPROVE OVERWEIGHT PERMITS, ETC.

The following overweight permits were reviewed and signed:

-A. Johnson Co., LLC

-EB Campbell Forest Land Management, LLC

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

MONKTON NATURAL COMMUNITIES SURVEY – VGS LETTER

S. Pilcher noted that this is a letter from Vermont Gas. VT Gas is giving the Town \$3,000 for a Natural Communities Survey that a UVM field Naturalist student is conducting. VT Gas submitted a letter authorizing entrance onto their property in Monkton but needed the town to sign a waiver and indemnification. **J. McNerney moved to authorize the Chair to sign the waiver for VT Gas for the Monkton Natural Communities Survey. B. Martin seconded. All voted in favor.**

BUDGET REVIEW

S. Pilcher noted that nothing jumped out at him. The Board reviewed how the highway budget was doing.

COMMUNITY ROOM USE – POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

M. Kelley reached out to her contact in Hinesburg regarding their use policy, but has not heard back. She will circle back with her. S. Pilcher will see if Peter Straube would be interested in working with M. Kelley on a policy. M. Kelley noted that she will reach out to him.

MODEL CURB CUT POLICY - S. Pilcher got an example from VLCT to use as a place to start. S. Pilcher noted he will work on writing up a proposed policy for the town using the VLCT example. B. Martin noted that Hinesburg's policy is a good adaptation of the VLCT example.

JANITORIAL SERVICE FOR NEW BUILDING - The Town Clerk hired a woman to clean the building every other week for \$225 every time she comes. S. Pilcher asked to see what an hourly rate would be and will reach out to her.

IT SERVICES

No action taken

NEW TOWN OFFICES AND LIBRARY STATUS

S. Pilcher noted that they are still waiting for requisition #10 for a Cert of Substantial Completion. The Russell Memorial Library original building is still housing Dr. Russell's library collection. The Russell Family is working on finding a new home for those documents.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

MONKTON FIRST RESPONSE AND ADDISON COUNTY SHERIFF

S. Pilcher stated that he wrote to our State Reps and reached out to the Lieutenant at the New Haven barracks. The Lt. noted that during COVID VSP did try and cut back on interactions and don't tend to get involved in parking lot crashes and single car crashes but stated that they are now back up to 100% and if First Response wants them to call, though there are changes on the mental health side. J. McNerney also suggested having Mark Rickner (First Response) contact the representatives as well.

#### SALVAGE YARDS IN MONKTON

No action taken

#### TOWN CREDIT CARD AND POLICY

No action taken

#### CLOUD STORAGE AND POLICY

No action taken

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

S. Pilcher has paperwork to change the provider of the town's group life insurance & short-term disability (employee benefit). **B. Martin moved to accept the Joiner Agreement for Short-Term Disability from National Insurance Services of Wisconsin Insurance Trust. J. McNerney seconded. All voted in favor.**

**B. Martin moved to accept the Joiner Agreement for Group Term Life Insurance from National Insurance Services of Wisconsin Insurance Trust. P. Low seconded. All voted in favor.**

S. Pilcher read from Pg 14 of the VLCT Selectboard Handbook regarding policy and procedures of Selectboards and how they operate. J. McNerney apologized for a situation in which he felt he overstepped his bounds.

S. Pilcher noted that he put an advertisement in the Addison Independent for open positions in the town and also put it on Facebook and Front Porch Forum.

P. Low asked about a letter received from the treasury regarding getting \$212K in 2 pieces. He thought we were getting more Money. S. Pilcher noted that most states have county governments and the US treasury is sending  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the money to the town directly, and  $\frac{2}{3}$  is going to Addison County. It is the belief that that  $\frac{2}{3}$  will flow back to Monkton. We should eventually receive \$500K +. S. Pilcher thinks the legislature will make sure that will happen.

DETERMINE TIME/DATE OF NEXT MEETING

July 26, 2021 7pm.

**J. McNerney made a motion to adjourn. P. Low seconded. All voted in favor**  
Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy Brown  
Recording Secretary