

MONKTON SELECTBOARD MEETING
MINUTES
Monday October 11, 2021

The meeting was called to order by B. Martin at 7:01pm.

Members in attendance: Bill Martin(acting chair), Marikate Kelly, John
McNerney, Paul Low

Members absent: Stephen Pilcher

Others in attendance: Jessica Demeritt(recording secretary)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

J. McNerney mentioned the grounds committee is working Saturday, Oct 16 at 10am and hoping for a good turnout for planting trees and spreading mulch.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

APPROVE MINUTES

A correction to the minutes needs to show M. Kelly voted in favor of AP 10920.

M. Kelly moved to approve the minutes of the 9/27/21 meeting as amended. P. Low seconded. All voted in favor.

REVIEW AND APPROVE CHECK WARRANTS

J. McNerney moved to approve AP 10930 in the amount of \$39,475.85. Seconded by M. Kelly seconded. All voted in favor.

J. McNerney moved to approve PR 11008 in the amount of \$10,381.01. Seconded by M. Kelly. All voted in favor.

J. McNerney moved to approve AP 11008 in the amount of \$10,692.42. Seconded by M. Kelly. All voted in favor.

REVIEW AND APPROVE OVERWEIGHT PERMITS, ETC

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION REGARDING TOWN RIGHTS IN THE EVENT OF A SCHOOL MERGER AS SUGGESTED BY E. DOYLE

A question was raised whether the select board has any jurisdiction in this. In the informational meeting held on Sept 30, the select board was actng as a facilitator for a public forum. M Kelly noted that since she is on the merger committee, she will abstain from any select board votes on the subject. M Kelley reported that the merger committee has pushed out the timing of a public vote on a potential merger until November 2022 (election day). It appears that a vote by the 5 towns on Lincoln's withdrawal from the school district will be held on town meeting day.

SUGGESTION FOR CREATING BIKE/WALK LANE ON HOLLOW ROAD

It was suggested that the road is too narrow to accommodate a separate bike lane, but the Road Foreman will follow up. P. Low measured the road at 5 locations, and the road is close to 25 feet wide. There are many blind turns and there is a lot of agricultural traffic. It may be dangerous for a pedestrian or bicyclist to think they have the right-of-way when there is not room to properly accommodate a dedicated lane. The town could possibly consider using Covid funds to enlarge the road or another location. Car lanes are typically 10 feet wide, but do not extend all the way to the edge of the pavement. P Low noted that the bike lane on Spear St is on a 29 foot wide road.

NEW TOWN OFFICES AND LIBRARY STATUS

There are a few little things on the punch list. The grounds committee is doing very well.

OLD BUSINESS:

DISTURBANCE OF SURVEY PIN IN ROW – MCKENZIE

B. Martin did contact the surveyor about the location of the damaged pin. The surveyor did agree that the pin was placed in the ROW. The board agreed to checking with VLCT regarding placement of survey pins on the ROW.

SALVAGE YARDS IN MONKTON

The state is investigating 3 locations in Monkton. There is one inspector for the entire state.

They have visited one property and a letter outlining an agreement reached with the homeowner has been sent.

TOWN CREDIT CARD AND POLICY

No action taken

CLOUD STORAGE AND POLICY

No action taken.

OTHER BUSINESS:

There is a vacancy on the DRB. The Selectboard needs to advertise.

Shane did sell the old mower.

There was some discussion about the town budget. The grader is past its replacement date, new cost \$268,000. It may take some time to get replacement equipment.

DETERMINE TIME/DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, October 25, 2021 at 7:00pm at the new town offices.

ADJOURNMENT

M. Kelly moved to adjourn. Seconded by J. McNerney. Adjourned at 7:36pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Demeritt
Recording Secretary