

MONKTON SELECTBOARD MEETING  
AGENDA  
DATE: Tuesday February 8, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Stephen Pilcher at 7:00pm.

Members in attendance: Stephen Pilcher (chair), Marikate Kelley, John McNerney, Bill Martin, Paul Low

Member absent: none

Others in attendance: Jessica Demeritt (recording secretary), Mary Morris, Dawn Vukas, Jane Palmer

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

none

**REGULAR BUSINESS:**

APPROVE MINUTES

**B. Martin moved to approve the minutes as written. P. Low seconded. All voted in favor.**

REVIEW AND APPROVE CHECK WARRANTS

**B. Martin moved to approve PR 20131 in the amount of \$10,666.69. P. Low seconded. All voted in favor.**

**B. Martin moved to approve AP 20131 in the amount of \$3,714.04. M. Kelley seconded. All voted in favor.**

**B. Martin moved to approve AP 20204 in the amount of \$41,393.31. P. Low seconded. All voted in favor.**

REVIEW AND APPROVE OVERWEIGHT PERMITS, ETC.

St. Pierre Transport, LLC  
D&F Excavating & Paving, Inc  
Paul Fournier (Fournier Logging)  
J. Hutchins, inc.  
Spafford & Sons of Williston VT. Inc.  
LJM Construction, LLC

PUBLIC COMMENT

none

**NEW BUSINESS:**

ACO CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS

D. Vukas and J. Palmer are interested in the Animal Control Officer position.

**B. Martin moved to approve entering into executive session for the purposes of interviewing the candidates at 7:15pm. J. McNerney seconded. All voted in favor.**

**J. McNerney moved to come out of executive session at 8:25pm. B. Martin seconded. All voted in favor.**

J. McNerney said the Board is thinking of appointing D. Vukas ACO and J. Palmer (a prior Monkton ACO) as a mentor/deputy for some period of time. M. Kelley asked if there was flexibility on a stipend for a mentor. S. Pilcher replied yes, it is up to the Board. The ACO receives \$2400. **M. Kelley made a motion to appoint D. Vukas as ACO and J. Palmer as assistant ACO for \$1000 for the next year. B. Martin seconded. All voted in favor.**

APPOINTMENTS – ACO, GREENUP DAY COORDINATOR, HEALTH OFFICER

D. Gaynor is willing to be the Green Up Day Coordinator if P. Low assists. **J. McNerney moved to appoint D. Gaynor as the Green Up Day Coordinator. B. Martin seconded. All voted in favor.**

The Board needs to recommend a health officer. And the state of Vermont does the appointment. **B. Martin moved to recommend Robin Hopps to the state as the health officer. P. Low seconded. All voted in favor.**

NOISE COMPLAINT – BARKING DOG

M. Morris has been working with B. Martin in the absence of an ACO, to get assistance with a neighbor's barking dog for about a year. Monkton's dog ordinance offers guidance on how to proceed. S. Pilcher asked M. Morris what might be the right solution. M. Morris has spoken with the dog owner and he said they would try to keep the dog from barking. M. Morris has seen no change. P. Low asked if the owner has livestock that the dog is guarding. M. Morris said they have livestock, but the dog is tied on a long run that does not appear to be in a place to protect the livestock. J. Palmer offered to work with D. Vukas to contact the barking dog owner to start the process of resolution. M. Morris thanked the Board for their work.

ARPA FUNDS STATUS

S. Pilcher said there are a number of new proposals coming in. D. Alderman had a proposal for the general store. S. Pilcher is going to sit down with K. Farrell to talk about the future of the old town hall. P. Low has been investigating the question of childcare in Monkton. He wondered whether it should be a multiple town effort.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

SALVAGE YARDS IN MONKTON

The process for removing unpermitted salvage yards is that the state inspector comes out and looks at the property. A lawyer gets assigned to the case and it heads to environmental court. It is a long and slow process. If Monkton chooses to do the enforcement, the state steps aside. S. Pilcher's recommendation is to let the state proceed. There are two properties of concern in Monkton.

**SIGN**

The design for a sign for the library and town offices has been revised. It will be two sided. Once approved it will take 30 days.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

The USPS may be interested in the old Russell Memorial Library. Neighboring post offices are overworked trying to cover Monkton, so perhaps a Monkton PO with a rural delivery system would relieve the work load.

**DETERMINE TIME/DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 7pm or 2/22/2022 a whole lot of twos!

**J. McNerney moved to adjourn. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:16pm.**