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MONKTON SELECTBOARD MEETING
MINUTES
Tuesday October 25, 2022

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

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

Members absent: Paul Low

Others in attendance: Jessica Demeritt (recording secretary), Stan Wilbur, Shane Lawrence, Taylor and Lexie Gingras, Rick Imes, Mike Casey, Ivor Hughes, Ann Miller, Jaime Schulte, Debra Sprague, Caroline Alves

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Agency of Natural Resources looked at Pond Road and an 8' squashed culvert was recommended.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

APPROVE MINUTES

B. Martin moved to approve the minutes of October 11, 2022 as amended. M. Kelley seconded. All voted in favor.

REVIEW AND APPROVE CHECK WARRANTS

M. Kelley moved to approve AP 21024 in the amount of \$12,243.87. Seconded by J.McNerney. All voted in favor.

REVIEW AND APPROVE OVERWEIGHT PERMITS, ETC.

The following overweight permit was approved:
VERMONT GREENWOOD RESOURCES LLC

PUBLIC COMMENT

R. Imes emailed the highway department, and expected a response from the road crew about a dead tree in the town right-of-way. The tree later came down and caused an accident where no one was hurt. R. Imes wondered what happened and how to better address issues like this. S Lawrence did not recall receiving an email. S. Pilcher said he would take a look at the email address to check for issues. He thanked R. Imes for reaching out to do this public service, and said he thought the road crew had been responsive to similar issues. J. McNerney wondered if the dead tree was an ash tree and thought the town tree warden might want to take a look at it for emerald ash borer.

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M. Casey was confused about conditional use in Monkton. S. Pilcher directed those questions to the Development Review Board or the zoning administrator. M. Casey expressed a number of concerns.

NEW BUSINESS:

INTERVIEW ROAD CREW CANDIDATES (INTERVIEWS WILL BE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION)

M. Kelley moved to go into executive session at 7:30pm for interviews. J. McNerney seconded. All voted in favor.

J. McNerney moved to leave executive session at 8:17pm. B. Martin seconded. All voted in favor.

B. Martin moved to extend an offer to Shane Coyle pending reference and background checks. J. McNerney seconded. All voted in favor.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION FOR MAPPING PROJECT

Ivor Hughes said the CC chose Arrowwood Environmental for the mapping project. There was discussion about the process and the company. S. Pilcher thanked the CC for their work. **B. Martin moved to approve Arrowwood Environmental for the mapping project as long as the contract met the approval of the town's lawyer and scope of the work. M. Kelley seconded. All voted in favor.**

Commented [1]: I'm not sure I correctly caught the requirements Bill made for the motion.

RIGHT OF WAY PERMIT NORTHERN POND ROAD

There was discussion about a ditch that crosses the road and whether a culvert was needed. T. Gingras was asked to repair a ditch he put across the road. **J. McNerney moved to approve the T. Gingras right of way with the condition that the road surface is put back to its original condition. B. Martin seconded. All voted in favor.**

BUDGET STATUS REVIEW

There was discussion about budget numbers. The price of salt is up. S. Lawrence said there is pretty much one supplier in Vermont. S. Pilcher checked in on highway grants. There was discussion about the Highway Department getting a credit card to ease purchasing. M. Kelley suggested reviewing the credit card policy.

FACILITY USE REQUESTS

no action taken

OLD BUSINESS:

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SALVAGE YARDS IN MONKTON
no action taken

1859 TOWN HALL STATUS

S. Wilbur put together an economic development priority list for Addison County Economic Development Corporation. There was discussion about the old town hall being a community resource and the cost associated with it. B. Martin noted the 45 gallon septic capacity.

ARPA FUNDS STATUS / PROCESS

There was discussion about the meaning of the scores for each of the projects. S. Pilcher had high scores for the town forest, Willowell, and the Turning Point Center. He found it difficult to use the score card. There was agreement that it got the board members thinking about each proposal. M. Kelley suggested taking a pros, cons, and risks view. J. McNerney asked about Willowell, whether it would impact other childcare providers, and would it guarantee a benefit to Monkton children. S. Pilcher suggested that it supported economic development.

OTHER BUSINESS:

S. Wilbur met with the Energy Committee, the Library Trustees, and the Monkton Museum and Historical Society. S. Pilcher said he offered the vault in the old town hall for the storage of patio equipment for the library. It was noted that the Energy Committee thought the fire station might be a good place for solar panels. B. Martin said the new town hall was built to have solar panels. S. Wilbur spoke about a feasibility study for town septic and town water.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 7pm.

B. Martin moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 pm. All voted in favor.

These minutes were respectfully submitted by Jessica Demeritt.