

# TOWN OF MONSON

*"A town where friendliness is more than just a word"*

## **February 9, 2023 – Select Board Meeting**

**Present** –Tyler Adkins, Sandra Hardy, Sue Chase, Marti Gagnon, George Geis, Ryan Laplante,  
Alaina Zelkan

**ZOOM:** Bill MacDonald, Brian Turner

- 1) Meeting opened at 6:00 PM
- 2) Selectboard approves prior meeting minutes (amended) and signs warrants

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

George Geis complimented the plow contractor on the plowing on Blanchard Road.

### **SELECTBOARD REPORTS**

Sue Chase stated that the Municipal Review Committee is looking for a new financial partner for the Fiber Right trash facility.

### **TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

New Town Manager, Bill MacDonald began by thanking all Town departments for their hard work, and stated he has toured all the facilities and rode around town with Steve Vainio. He will be working on taking care of some safety issues.

Alaina noted there was an issue with the gym furnace last week and repairs were made today.

Sue Chase noted the CEO report should include dates and timelines. She will help redesign the template.

Marti provided an update on the WiFi installation: The Town will not need a new agreement with Consolidated, the Town will need to provide a certificate of insurance, a sketch of where the nodes will be placed on the pole and the pole number. Tyler will have Kim from Axiom get in touch with Bill to determine the best pole to use.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FESTIVAL COMMITTEE:** Everything is all set for the Snowroller Festival.

**BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE:** No report

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Schedule Special Town Meeting/Approve Warrant** Tyler asked about the language in the warrant pertaining to bonds. Bill explained the attorney suggested putting that information in the warrant for bonding purposes, but recommends a 5 year lease purchase for the new Public Works truck rather than a bond. Alaina has requested information on a 3 year lease option as well. It was decided to hold the Special Town Meeting on February 23, 2023 at 5:30 pm. Tyler Adkins motioned to approve the town meeting warrant as written, seconded by Sue Chase. Vote: 3 - 0

Sue is anticipating questions about the EV charging station. Tyler suggested putting together a 1 page fact sheet and would also like to make sure people are aware that users will have to pay to use the chargers. Tyler further explained that the chargers will not be hooked to the generator in case of a power outage.

**51 North Guilford Rd Quit Claim Deed:** The selectboard signed the quit claim deed for back taxes paid. Alaina presented a supplemental tax for tree growth penalty which was also signed by the selectboard.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Monson/Dover Fire Truck Discussion:** Bill explained that the Monson Fire Department will be loaning a tanker truck to Dover -Foxcroft for approximately 18 months while they wait for their new truck to be delivered. Ryan stated that Dover will also be giving Monson 100 feet of fire hose and will respond to any structure fires with the loaned tanker, if necessary. Monson will also have access to Dover's ladder truck if needed. The selectboard voted 3 – 0 to loan the tanker to Dover-Foxcroft.

**Liquor License – Lakeshore House:** The selectboard signed the Lakeshore House Liquor License Renewal.

**Budget Committee Appointments:** Whereas no one signed up to be on the Budget Committee, this topic will be tabled until the next meeting. Tyler has a list of potential members who may be interested. He suggested a Special Selectboard Meeting after the Special Town Meeting on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was suggested that the budget meetings start on March 3 and be held every Thursday in March at 5:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

