

TOWN OF MONSON

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

February 22, 2024 – Special Select Board Meeting

Present – Sue Chase, JD Walker, Marti Gagnon, Bill MacDonald, Jonathan Pullen, Morgan Mareglia, Aaron Suomi, Alaina Zelkan

- 1) Meeting opened at 6:50PM
- 2) Selectboard signs warrants

NEW BUSINESS

Appoint Budget Committee Members: The Selectboard signed appointments for the following Budget Committee Members: Sandra Hardy, John Wentworth, Morgan Mareglia, Dawn MacPherson-Allen, Stacy Pullen, Robbin Alden, Joy Bueschen. They also signed appointments for the following Recreation Committee Members: Morgan Mareglia, Stacy Pullen, Christa Vainio, Kassie Jahn, Bethany Koehler, Daina Markella, David Ray. Morgan noted that Sherry Gaudet will also need to be appointed to the Recreation Committee.

Consider Authorizing JD Walker and the Town Manager to Negotiate for the Purchase of a used Fire Truck: JD suggested postponing this discussion as he will be resigning from the Selectboard. Bill noted that whereas the funds for the truck were just approved at the Town Meeting, we will need to be prepared to negotiate. Normally the Town Manager is considered the Purchasing Agent for the town, but he would welcome input from the Selectboard.

Jonathan suggested that if Bill put together a proposal, perhaps he would be able to leave work and go over it with him. Bill noted that it would be likely that the Fire Department will be onsite looking at a truck and that he (Bill) will be on the phone with them. The Selectboard agreed that either Sue or Jonathan, whoever is available at the time, will participate with Bill in the negotiations. JD motioned to authorize the Town Manager and a Selectboard Member to negotiate the purchase of a used fire truck, seconded by Jonathan Pullen.

JD formally submitted his resignation, effective immediately. A discussion ensued about the need and timing of a Special Town Meeting/Election to fill JD's vacant seat on the board. It was decided that the vacancy will be posted, and the Town Meeting Warrant will be ready to sign at the regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting on March 14, 2024. The Election/Town meeting will be held on March 28, 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.