

TOWN OF MONSON

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

September 14, 2023 – Select Board Meeting

Present –Sue Chase, JD Walker, Marti Gagnon, Terry Gaudet, Ryan Laplante, Giovanni Lauro, Bryan Alchorn, Kent Rich, James Pullen, Jonathan Pullen, Gabrielle Huettner, Chuck Beane

ZOOM: Tyler Adkins

- 1) Meeting opened at 6:20 PM
- 2) Selectboard approves prior meeting minutes and signs warrants

PUBLIC COMMENT

On behalf of the Fire Department, Ryan Laplante asked for an update on the Selectboard's review of the capital plan submitted at the last meeting. Tyler stated the Selectboard will need an additional 2 weeks to review the plan and discuss the next steps. The topic will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

JD asked the Fire Department what they would like to see after the next meeting. They stated they would like a Special Town Meeting to request funds to purchase a new fire truck. Ryan explained that it will take 2 years for a truck to be built, and it could be an additional 1 – 2 years before any payment is due, depending on the financing options. Tyler reiterated that the Selectboard supports the Fire Department, but long-term planning is needed. JD further explained that there needs to be a plan in place before a Special Town Meeting is held so any questions people have can be answered. Sue stated that planning will be critical moving forward so the town doesn't get into this situation again in the future.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

No report – Town Manager not present.

SELECTBOARD REPORTS

Kent Rich submitted documentation on several properties that will need to be addressed by the Selectboard. 95 Greenville Rd is in violation, and nothing is being done, the Moosehead Manufacturing property is also in violation and Kent received no response to the letter he sent to the owner, and 19 Center St. has been an issue since Julie Anderson was Town Manager. The Selectboard agreed to discuss the matter further at the next meeting so all information may be reviewed. Action will be taken at the next meeting.

JD mentioned the flag was not lowered on 9/11. He also noted that residents at the last meeting were looking for a temporary solution to the speed issues on North Guilford Rd. Tyler stated that discussion will be continued at the next meeting as well.

Sue would like to review the Rules of Order at the next meeting as well as the Comprehensive Plan and the Bodfish Valley ATV Club request for ATVs to use the Greenville Rd.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports

OLD BUSINESS

Sign Lewis Letter of Support: The Selectboard signed a support letter for Jeff Lewis, a veteran who is interested in opening a business on Pleasant St.

NEW BUSINESS

Sign Abatements: The Selectboard signed 3 abatements.

Open Swim Dock Bids: 3 bids for the old swim dock at the beach were submitted and opened by the Selectboard. Tom Morong bid \$257.00, Mark Stickney bid \$175.00 and Tom and Joanne Adkins bid \$225.00. Tyler motioned to accept the highest bid, seconded by JD, vote: 3 – 0. The dock was awarded to the highest bidder, Tom Morong.

The Selectboard agreed to have another meeting in 2 weeks on September 28 at 6:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.