

TOWN OF MONSON

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

December 15, 2022 – Select Board Meeting

Present –Tyler Adkins, Sandra Hardy, Sue Chase, Marti Gagnon, Alaina Zelkan

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

SELECTBOARD REPORTS

Sandra Hardy asked updates on the following:

Fiber Right Facility - Sue stated that she does not have a full update, but the MRC is hoping to have a partner by the end of the year.

DOT Request for Proposal – Alaina sent out the RFP but has not yet received any replies.

Cell Tower – Tyler stated he is making progress.

Sandra also stated that a New Years Day event will be held at the gym on January 1 from 4 – 7 pm. There will be a bonfire on the ballfield as well as food, drinks and fellowship in the gym. She will be sending out a town wide mailing to advertise the event.

Tyler Adkins stated that the WiFi equipment needs to be moved in order for it to be effective. Placement on the poles on the West side of the street, as close to the General Store as possible. Alaina will find out if the town has permission to put the nodes on the poles.

Tyler noted that the town owned parcel on Indian Point Loop has roads going into it on both sides but wonders if there are additional rights of way to access the land. He is envisioning walkways, picnic tables and a dock for the land. No motorized vehicles will be allowed. He also noted that the library received an \$11,000 grant to expand their gear library. They will now be able to loan out cross-country skis, snowshoes, etc. He would like to see additional trails through the woods by the Utility District parcel for skiing and snowshoeing.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Public Works Truck RFP – White Ford submitted a quote of \$140,000 for a Ford F650 with a plow and sander. Hight Ford quoted \$84,000 for a Ford F600 without a plow and sander.

Overhead Door – Bangor Overhead Door will not be able to do the job for 12 – 16 weeks. PDQ Door will be able to do it in 4 – 5 weeks. They will be submitting a quote.

PFA test results were returned for the Utility District. The results look good so far.

Alaina explained that the bank is recommending making some changes to where some of the town's money is kept and is also recommending fraud protection. There are 7 accounts that could be put into CDs which would earn more interest. Sandra offered to help with the process.

RHR Smith has completed the check reconciliation. Once the 2021 audit is complete, Alaina will ask them to come to the office to complete additional audit work.

Alaina completed the Fuel Tax Refund, and the town received a \$600 refund.

The FEMA grant will cover 100% of the cost of the generator at the gym, including the concrete pad.

The EV Charging Station Grant deadline has been moved to January 17, 2023

The Selectboard noted that dates should be added to the CEO reports and 19 Center Street should be added to the list of dangerous buildings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports

OLD BUSINESS

Schedule Special Town Meeting – Premium Choice Broadband: Tyler wants to make sure that all the roads in the Premium Choice agreement now have access to the broadband before paying the bill. There are other matters that also need to be addressed at the special town meeting, such as the public works truck and how to use the remaining ARPA fund. A tentative meeting date of February 9 was set.

Tax Acquired Properties: The taxes have not yet been paid on 51 North Guilford Rd. The town will need to have liability insurance on any foreclosed properties that people are living in. The

town attorney does not recommend being a landlord. The selectboard agreed to meet with the owner of 51 North Guilford Rd in Executive Session at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Abatements: The selectboard signed 2 tax abatements.

Kelley Quit Claim Deed: The selectboard signed a quit claim deed for 414 Elliotsville Rd.

Meeting moved to executive session at 7:10 pm.