

TOWN OF MONSON

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

February 23, 2023 – Special Select Board Meeting

Present –Tyler Adkins, Sandra Hardy, Marti Gagnon, Bill MacDonald

ZOOM: Sheila Grant

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

SELECTBOARD REPORTS

Tyler asked for updates on the following:

GIS updates - Bill explained that the Esri bill had just been paid and the updates should be able to be made now.

Time frame for updated surplus amounts - Bill stated he should have the amounts by the next meeting.

NCRM (community solar) grant application – Bill stated the grant is for up to \$2000 and he has not applied yet. The deadline is tomorrow.

Tyler would like to evaluate feasibility with CMP to start a community solar project. He asked Bill to submit an application.

Tyler attended a meeting with the Trust for Public Land to secure green space in town for a community forest. The trust can assist with finding property and securing funding.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Bill has been attending committee organization meetings and doing lots of meet and greets.

OLD BUSINESS

Appoint Budget Committee: Tyler motioned to appoint the following members to the Budget Committee, seconded by Sandra Hardy.

Stacey Pullen, Tim Bueschen, Joy Bueschen, John Wentworth, Morgan Mareglia, Robin Frost, Kassir Hefferan, Patrick Scott, Dawn MacPherson-Allen, Katie Freeman.

Vote: 2 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Accepting \$15,000 Grant from Maine State Housing for Emergency Warming Shelter Improvements: Bill explained the Town has been awarded the \$15,000 grant. Improvements don't need to be ADA compliant. The deadline to spend the funds is April 30, 2023. Unused funds will need to be returned. Bill recommends accepting the funds and noted the Monson Gym will be listed with the State as an available emergency warming center. Tyler motioned to accept the grant, seconded by Sandra Hardy. Vote: 2 - 0

Supplemental Tax/Abatements: The selectboard signed a supplemental tax and an abatement.

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm.