

**TOWN OF MONSON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
AGENDA**

November 28, 2017

Present were: Selet board; Carl (Buddy) Martin, Brita Kronite, Eric Vainio, and interim town manager Daniel Swain. Several members of the town as well

1. Open Meeting
2. Public Comment
 - A. Rebecca from Lakeshore House commented that on the minutes the discussion about the returnable incorrectly stated that the transfer station would be used. She also commented that discussion about buying trees for the downtown area.
3. Old Business
 - A. Follow up to various topics from previous meeting- Town Manager (TM) sent a letter to the Smiths informing them that the town would not be pursuing the fines against them for the large animal violations. TM informed McKusicks that they had won the fuel contract, they had not been notified. TM spoke to the post office about that the town would not be doing the plowing for them but it had already been discussed with them. The calendar of important tasks/events for 2018 is being worked on.
4. New Business
 - A. Review Cemetery Survey

TM brought the maps to the meeting for review by the Select Board and towns people attending. There was some concern that the TM didn't post the minutes and agenda for the meeting. Also that the abutting land owners were not notified that the survey was in for review. It was noted that the concerns were that the starting point was unclear and which deed to the cemetery was used. The Select Board decided that it was up to the abutting landowners to contact the surveyor if they had concerns. The surveyor was invited to the meeting but there was no response.
 - B. Highway Budget

TM gave the board a copy of the highway budget and informed them that it should be as accurate as it can be in terms of final numbers. There are some line items that might be off due to expenses being charged to not appropriate lines.
 - C. New Clerk benefits and personnel budget line

TM reviewed the personnel budget with the select board and informed that if the part time clerk worked 20 hours per week, the new clerk earned \$15/hr and they kept the interim manager until the end of the fiscal year that there is enough money for that. There is also enough money for the town to pay the clerk benefits as advertised.
 - D. Resident of Homer Hill concerns letter

Brita read out loud the letter that was sent to the town from Darryl Witmer about concerns he has with the work that was done on Homer Hill Road. The TM will send a letter responding saying that to widen the road again would

undo the ditching work that was done and the ditches were done to the state standards. Also, that the Highway Foreman would do what he could with the sinking culvert but that the water running from the pump house really could not be fixed. Lastly, that some work that could be done will have to wait until the spring due to the ground starting to freeze.

- E. Transfer station contracts
TM brought the contracts for the select board to sign between the county and town for use of the transfer station by Blanchard and Elliotsville.
 - F. Ordinance Violation policy
TM had found a policy that outlined the town's procedure for violations a town ordinance. Select Board said it wasn't something that they had agreed to.
 - G. Lunch/15 minute breaks
Highway Foreman has requested that he sign a waiver for his mandatory lunch period after working 6 hours. Select Board agreed.
 - H. Contact with highway foreman
TM discussed that the idea that currently there is no cell service in the area and the Highway Foreman has no way to check in if something were to go wrong and no one was there to help. Brian suggested talking to the Fire Department as the highway workers used to use their radios.
5. Items not on the Agenda
- A. TM asked about who the contact was for the potential gate at the transfer station; it was stated that Herrick or Libra was the contact.
 - B. Delores Adams discussed the fact that the Recreation Department sign was taken down by Libra when they bought the community center. Other sign options were discussed and also that the TM would remind them that they should check before taking items down.
6. Executive Session
- a. Under 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6) Part (1) – Personnel Discussion and town legal situation discussion.
7. Adjourn Public Meeting at 8:26pm