

TOWN OF MONSON

A Town Where Friendliness is More than Just a Word

June 28, 2018 - Select Board Meeting

Present were: Select board members – Eric Vainio, Brita Cronkite, Buddy Martin, and Town Manager, Daniel Swain.

Town – some townfolk in attendance: Bobbie Crockett, Brian Turner, Jim Greenleaf, Tyler Adkins, Bob Jarvis, John Wentworth, Amelia Trader, Roberta Jarvis, and a few unknown people.

- The meeting began at 7:00 pm
- Selectboard reviews and signs off all necessary warrants and the review of unapproved meeting minutes.
- At 7:16 pm, Buddy Martin officially opens the meeting to **Public Comment**.

Public Comment: Bob Jarvis remarked that the vehicles and trucks driving through town have been clocked using some of the Monson locals phone apps speeding at 45 mph or more. This topic brought much discussion about how to get people to drive slower through town. Chat about solar lights or “Slow Down” signs were brought up as well. Brian Turner remarked that we are not allowed to use the state’s previously installed blinking ‘school’ signs because we no longer have a school. Since there did not seem to be any solutions, one unknown attendee asked the selectboard how they were going to solve the problem. However, *there was no answer given to answer her question*. As the discussion died down, the Public Comment section was closed and we moved on to the Town Committee Reports.

Jim Greenleaf offered the update on the gym’s remodel and reiterated some of the work that has taken place adding that more of the work is nearly complete. It will be ready in time for the Alumni Banquet slated for the third Saturday of July (July 21st) which is the same weekend as “Summerfest”.

Jim also updated us regarding the playground. Chris Latter is planning to fix up the playground area.

- **Recreation** Committee: some chat regarding ice hockey and other games.
- The **Festival** committee is on schedule. All members are currently working on their parts.
- **Bicentennial** Committee: Daniel Swain is working on rounding up a committee.
- **Old Business:** Regarding the old library space, it seems the area will be divided between the Town hall employees and the Fire Department employees. The American Legion has a chair lift they can donate if required.

Public landing: Discussion revolved around beautifying the public landing area, and how we can rework the shorelines without breaking any EPA laws.

The Historical Museum asked for permission to put in a bulkhead into their building, and the town asked about rip rap even up the shoreline and put two floating docks in for boat “parking spaces”. Buddy Martin asked for clarification on these projects and wondered if we were able to do this. Brian Turner asked for signs that say “Municipal Parking” because some people are leaving cars in Lakeshore House Pub parking and/or the public landing area. Eric Vainio asked if we should get the “area” surveyed we can get the area surveyed, Daniel said yes. Daniel will go with “Permit By Rule” and offers to visit Milo.

Homer Hill Foreclosure: The yard has been mowed. Bangor Savings does not want this property. Once we have something in writing that Bangor Savings is done with this property we can handle it as we wish...and it is best for the town to sell it as soon as possible. Buddy Martin proposed to lower the price of the sale of the property to \$14,000 for a fair bid. Eric Vainio seconded. The property owes the town between \$5,000 - \$6,000.00. Daniel will put it up for bid on July 26th.

- **New Business:** Tax commitment- some discussion about the overlay from last year. The 2017 commitment was incorrect, not enough taxes were raised which kept the mil rate artificially low. Following some positive and negatives, Buddy Martin motioned to accept the 2018 tax commitment rate at 17.2 mils and the Commitment date for July 1st. Eric Vainio seconded.

Fiberight Trash Disposal update: Our trash is currently going to Crossroads in Norridgewock. Fiberight is supposed to recycle at \$90.00 per ton and a \$30.00 handling fee. Some discussion was about the improvement of the recycling.

Road Work update: Daniel talked about the renting of an excavator for a month or so, from Eagle Rentals and read from a long list of projects that need doing on our roads. Discussion revolves around all the little things that need to be done.

Discussion regarding a certain vehicle (van) that is parking in the Monson Slate lot and the driver of that van at times selling marijuana (illegally) from the vehicle, possible to minors. More discussion followed but with no new solutions.

Greenville school system is hoping we will begin sending our children to Greenville instead of Dover-Foxcroft Academy. Greenville says they can save us money by transportation. We currently have 63 children, and the DFA's charge 9,300 per child. Even so, due to the large costs and commitment we already made with DFA, we cannot at this time say we will change schools, but Daniel will continue to investigate the details on cost verses change.

- **Items Not on the Agenda:**

Eric Vainio brought up that the ATV's and UTV's are still not following the signs properly, and it was suggested to add signage or change the current signs so they are clearer. Daniel will speak to Rebekah Anderson regarding the signs and rules. Eric remarked the rule-breakers tend to be the weekenders.

Jim Greenleaf reminded us that the Walk for Wounded Warriors will be coming into town on July 7th. This year, 150 motorcycles and 40 jeeps will be riding through together and end at the bandstand.

With no more items to discuss, Buddy called to end the meeting promptly at 8:20 pm.

The next meeting is slated for July 12th.