

# TOWN OF MONSON

*"A Town Where Friendliness is More than Just a Word"*

## September 13, 2018 - Select Board Meeting

Present Selectboard Members: Eric Vainio, Brita Cronkite, and Town Manager, Daniel Swain.

Townfolk in attendance: Brian Turner, Jim Greenleaf, Jenne Johnson, and Bob and Roberta Jarvis

1. Meeting is open at 7:00pm

2. Selectboard reviews warrants and unapproved meeting minutes.

Selectboard signs off all approved and necessary warrants and unapproved meeting minutes.

3. Brita Cronkite officially opens the meeting to **Public Comment**. Daniel Swain remarked that Tracey Stebbins was still interested in the house at 32 Center Street since the town released the claim; this shows the town put in some effort and was most encouraging to her lawyer to also put in effort. Bob Jarvis inquired about town ordinances regarding campers. Brian Turner explained that unless the camper has a legal septic, the occupant can not reside in it year round. Brita wondered if we had changed our ordinance, to which Brian replied the limit is 180 days, but with a licensed pumper and a septic. Eric Vainio commented that we should watch out for illegal dumping. Brita Cronkite closed the Public Comment.

#### 4. Town Reports:

4a) **Gym Committee:** Jim Greenleaf commented the project is on schedule and coming together as planned.

4b) **Recreation, Festival and Bicentennial Committees:** No report.

#### 5. Old Business:

5a) **Town Hall Building:** Daniel Swain commented on the work TC Hafford could do to the building, and quoted their prices for mold removal at \$6300.00 - if they did not remove walls. Daniel will first get a quote from expert mold removers before accepting Hafford's quote. More discussion revolved around all the areas in need of attention (the whole building), with much attention to the downstairs area. Daniel suggested having a community demo day.

Roberta Jarvis asked whether or not it was decided if Buddy Martin was going to repair the roof. Since this needed the select board's approval, Brita Cronkite made the motion to for Buddy Martin to repair what was necessary to get through the winter. Eric Vainio seconded. As of today it was voted that Buddy Martin will do just enough to get through the winter allowing Daniel time to find a contractor with fair prices and willing to do the work.

5b) **Survey Update:** The Surveyor hired for Mitchell Street will only be surveying Mitchell Street, and not the playground or any additional areas since that was the area quoted.

5c) **Steward Road:** The former paving company tore up parts of the road and did not return to finish the job. Discussion about the dynamics of the road repair and went on in the group, determining that cold pack was the best way to approach the damages – next spring.

5d) **Smith Animals:** Daniel explained to the Animal Control Officer, Joe Guyotte, that ongoing complaints of the Smith's dogs chasing deer at night around the Tenney Hill area to the extreme of stopping traffic is now out of control. Since little can be done at this time, we discussed changing the Monson ordinance regarding animals to be clearer and include enforcement. A public hearing will follow with a special town meeting if anything is to change before the annual town meeting.

#### 7) New Business:

7a) **Fence:** Daniel asked Allen Farm Fence to come and look at our areas of need and offer options and prices. We talked briefly about options for fences for the canal area was quoted at \$2054.00 installed, \$1500.00 for the basketball court (at the playground), and \$5357.00 for repairs at the dump.

7b) Daniel investigated the quotes for a fuel price lock-in, with AE Robinson, McKusick, Dead River, and CM Brown. AE Robinson were the only ones responding thus far.

7c) **Chapin St.:** Since a family on Chapin street had their land surveyed, it showed they had less land than previously thought and asked for an abatement (Property tax) of \$54.84. Brita Cronkite made the motion to accept their request and Eric Vainio seconded it.

#### 8) Items NOT on the Agenda:

8a) Eric Vainio remarked that the trash items left inside the bandstand from Summerfest were taken care of by the Recreation Committee. Also on behalf of the Rec Committee, Eric asked about the ballfield and mowing – how often the field was mowed, since it seemed the surrounding area was done but the ball field was not mowed.

Eric had heard a complaint from a resident regarding the bump (rock) on the No. Guilford Rd., just past the Steward Rd. A complaint was regarding pig manure being dumped on a property lawn on Forest Ave. Because the smell was overwhelming to the nearby neighbors, Eric asked on their behalf if we had an ordinance in place.

8b) Brita Cronkite remarked that her time is up in March of 2019 and she at this time will not be

With that, the meeting ended at 8:15 pm, with the next meeting set for September 27<sup>th</sup>.

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