

# TOWN OF MONSON

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

## June 27, 2019 – Special Select Board Meeting

Present select board members: Buddy Martin, Eric Vainio, Tyler Adkins Town Manager, Daniel Swain.

Townspople – Brian Turner, David Bjork, Nancy Putnam, Jeffrey Gasper, Burton Packard, Jim Greenleaf and Bob Jarvis

- 1) Meeting opened at 6:00 PM
- 2) Select board reviews warrants and unapproved meeting minutes.
- 3) Buddy Martin officially opens meeting to public comment

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Concern was brought about the Monson pottery shop parking on the sidewalk and that it blocks people from using the sidewalk. Daniel will speak to the shop about this.

### **BUSINESS**

**2019 Tax Commitment :** Daniel informed the select board that he and Hamlin's and Associates met during the day to talk and try out different mil rates. A mil rate of 24.6 is being recommended for the year and half budget, which represents a decrease from 17.2 to 16.4 if it were a 12-month budget. **Tyler motioned and Eric seconded to set the 2019 mil rate at 24.6, the vote was unanimous.**

**32 Center St:** When Daniel called the bid winner, Jeffrey Gasper, he was informed that the information that his representative gave at the last meeting was not correct and that he was not prepared to pay the bid price plus the back taxes. Since the last select board meeting Daniel has spoken to MMA legal about the confusion and process that was use. After giving them as many details as possible it was the MMA legal' opinion that the town should put it back out to bid to clear up any issues. From that point on Daniel gave very non-committal answers to anyone who asked about that the next step the town would take as to not lock the town into anything. There was another discussion amongst everyone present about what to do next and who was the actual winner. **The select board agreed that further advice was needed from the town's actual attorney, Burnstein Shur.**

**Snow Plowing:** Daniel informed the board that there was little interest from contractors in splitting up the contract. Also, that Daniel had the idea to offer it to the lower bid contract as a 3-year contract with a year probation to give the town an out if the contractor was not able to perform. The downside to this is that he would have to buy all the equipment without a guarantee of a three-year contract. Also discussed was the idea of taking the sanding back from the contractor, which might bring the price down some. This will put more of a burden on the town but the contractor prices might be more aligned with what the town can pay.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35pm.