

TOWN OF MONSON

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

September 26, 2019 – Select Board Meeting

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

Townspople –Brian Turner, Bobbi Crockett, Dee Adams, Bob Jarvis, Jim Greenleaf.

- 1) Meeting opened at 7:00 PM
- 2) Select board reviews warrants and unapproved meeting minutes.
- 3) Buddy Martin officially opens meeting to public comment

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bobbi Crockett introduced Matt from the sign company. Matt presented photos of the different sign options and answered questions from the selectboard. He suggested setting the sign off the road in alignment with Libra's sign. He also presented a sample of the material that would be used to build the sign. The selectboard agreed to purchase the sign but would like some time to speak to people about what the title of the sign should be.

Bob Jarvis asked what is being done with the ordinance regarding trailers being parked for more than 120 days without sewage. Brian Turner said they are working on it but that it's very hard to enforce. Trailers can be stored as long as they are not being lived in.

Bod then asked how the 4-wheeler laws are enforced. Buddy Martin stated that the police and game wardens enforce those laws. Bob said that there have been 2 4-wheelers riding on Pleasant street all summer long. Buddy suggested that he call the local game warden.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

SELECTBOARD REPORT

Tyler Adkins asked for an update on Axiom, the company that may be providing the WiFi. Daniel informed him that Axiom is waiting for the town to get back to them about grants. Daniel explained that he found a couple of available grants, including a sponsorship from Androscoggin Bank.

Eric Vainio brought up the following concerns:

For the past few years, the Indian Point Loop and other roads have only been graded twice. Daniel said that Herricks had been unable to finish the work in the spring due to the weather. Buddy then asked if people were happy with the grading work that Mark Freeman has been doing lately. Daniel stated that people seem to be happy that it's getting done.

There are some spots on the Elliotsville Road that are getting pretty narrow.

Are there any budget concerns? Daniel stated that he has no concerns other than that more money than anticipated has been needed for office supplies.

Eric then suggested possibly putting down about 100 ft. of gravel in front of Jim Greenleaf's house.

Buddy Martin asked how much of the tax money has come in. Daniel stated there is only about \$300,000 left unpaid.

TOWN COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recreation Committee – Dee Adams asked if the Rec. Committee movie nights can be held in the meeting room rather than the gym now that it's getting cold. Daniel gave her permission.

Festival Committee – Dee stated again that she absolutely needs to have access to the snow roller for Bill Greene's segment. She requested that the snow roller be put under cover somewhere, so it doesn't get buried in snow. Eric Vainio suggested speaking to the Historical Society to brainstorm ideas for storage. He asked what is being done with the old recycling trailer at the dump. Daniel said that Jim Bohrer would like to get rid of the trailer. Jim Greenleaf mentioned that the Legion would like to have the trailer for storage.

Bicentennial Committee – No report

OLD BUSINESS

SNOW PLOWING - Daniel stated that he gave John Simco from Androscoggin Bank some pricing on plow trucks that he found for sale in N.H. He's waiting to hear back from John about finance options. Daniel also said that Dean Rideout is still interested in the plow contract but is still looking for drivers. Eric confirmed with Daniel that Dean will be sticking to his second bid. Daniel said that if the cost ends up going over budget, the town can either ask for forgiveness at

the next Town Meeting or hold a special town meeting to vote on the matter. Eric wants to hold a special town meeting.

ADDING SOLAR ARRAY TO TOWN INSURANCE – Daniel stated that the cost to add the panels to the insurance policy will be \$71.00 per year. He has already added the street lights to the policy because the money was approved, but he wants the selectboard’s approval before adding the solar panels. The selectboard gave approval.

UPDATE ON PETITION FOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE ORDINANCE – Daniel stated that he spoke to MMA and sent them a copy of the petition. MMA told him that there is no reason why the selectboard can’t reject the petition and that the petitioners would need to submit an ordinance to the Planning Board. Buddy asked if MMA recommended that they inform the creator of the petition, Christy McLellan, or just reject it. Daniel said that the petition can’t move forward the way it is written because there is nothing to vote on. Tyler Adkins stated that he doesn’t feel that the matter requires any emergency attention. Buddy Martin motioned to reject the petition, seconded by Eric Vainio. Daniel will inform Christy that she needs to take the matter to the Planning Board.

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA – Daniel stated that the Town applied for a DEP grant to replace the septic of a local resident. The grant amount is \$16,000 and the next step is to put the contract out for bid. Tyler asked if the town would be liable for any extra money if the project goes above the amount of the grant. Daniels explained that that will not happen because the cost will be known before- hand. Buddy Martin motioned to put the project out for bid, seconded by Tyler Adkins.

Daniel then informed the selectboard that they need to vote on the language from the bod attorney regarding the lease of the new fire truck. Daniel read the document aloud. Buddy Martin motioned to approve the language as written, seconded by Eric Vainio.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:15 PM

