

# TOWN OF MONSON

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

## October 10, 2019 – Select Board Meeting

Present select board members: Eric Vainio, Tyler Adkins Town Manager, Daniel Swain.  
Townspeople –Bobbi Crockett, Bob Jarvis, Nancy Putnam, Andy Stirling, (3) Bodfish ATV Club members

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Daniel Swain introduced 3 members of the Bodfish ATV club who were requesting permission to have the Elliotsville Rd opened up to ATVs. The trail currently goes from Greenville to Canada, but riders have no way to get to Monson from that direction. 5 miles of the proposed route would be in Monson and 3 miles would be in Elliotsville. The club would be willing to have a 1 year trial period. Eric Vainio and Tyler Adkins agreed to the proposed trail as long as the County Commissioner is on board. It was also decided that the club will be responsible for providing signage for the route i.e. route signs, speed limit, corners, blind spots etc.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

### **SELECTBOARD REPORT**

Tyler Adkins asked for updates on the following:

Online car registrations – Daniel stated that he has sent in the paperwork and is still waiting to hear back.

Timeline for solar – Daniel got a call today from the solar company, regarding dimensions of the panels. The project is moving forward and is in progress.

Timeline for street light conversion: Daniel stated that there is no timeline yet.

## **TOWN COMMITTEE REPORTS**

No reports

Tyler Adkins asked if the Rec. Committee had received multiple quotes for the new Community Events sign. Bobbi Crockett stated that they had gotten one other quote from a company in Dover, but it had been very expensive. The least expensive design was around \$6,000. Tyler feels that as long as they already have a design plan, they should try to get a few more quotes. He will find some companies and send them to Bobbi.

## **TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

Daniel stated that he has begun the EMA process with the county and that he and Amanda Melia are working on an Emergency Preparedness Plan. They are developing plans for warming and cooling centers first. Bobbi Crockett reminded Daniel of potential medical issues that will need to be prepared for as well. The meeting room at the Municipal Building and the kitchen area of the gym will be the designated warming and cooling areas. The plan should be completed in November. They will also be getting a shelter plan in place.

Tyler asked about the progress of the re-assessment of the town. Daniel said that the assessors have spent a lot of time in town lately and the re-valuation will be complete by the next tax year.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Snow Plow Contract Signing:** Daniel informed everyone that he has hired Chad Davis from Willimantic to do the snow plowing. Chad has asked for a 5% yearly increase in pay and has agreed to a 1 year trial. Daniel and Chad also negotiated the amount of snow allowed before the trucks go out. The trucks will go out when there is 1.5 inches of snow. Chad does not yet have a loader, so Daniel offered the use of the town's loader in the meantime. Chad also agreed to take the shoes off the plows in the warmer weather and scrape the slush from the roads when necessary.

**Septic Bids for 85 Elliottsville Rd:** Two bids for the septic contract were opened and read. Mark Freeman submitted a bid for \$28,000.00 and Arvo Korsman submitted a bid for \$15,800.00.

Daniel stated that the town installed a storm drain on the side of the property which is now clogged. Arvo will fix the drain so the septic will not get saturated in the future.

Eric Vainio motioned to recommend Arvo Korsman for the septic contract, seconded by Tyler Adkins.

Daniel submitted the forms from the state regarding income limits for General Assistance. The limit is currently \$700.00. The selectboard signed the form.

The meeting then moved into Executive Session for 1 MRSA Subsection 405 (6) (E) – Discussion with Town Attorney regarding the Smith case.

Following the Executive Session, Eric Vainio motioned to allow Daniel Swain to manage the Settlement and Release Agreement, seconded by Tyler Adkins..

**Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.**

