

# TOWN OF MONSON

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

## **December 9, 2021 – Select Board Meeting**

**Present** –Tyler Adkins, Eric Vainio, Sue Chase, Marti Gagnon,  
John Moore, Richard Allard, Rick Clawson, Dan Dube, Jim Payne, David Bjork

ZOOM- Sandra Hardy, Brian Turner, Daryl Witmer, Nancy Putnam

- 1) Meeting opened at 6:00 PM
- 2) Selectboard approves prior meeting minutes and signs warrants

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

John Moore noted that snow removal on the sidewalks would be easier if the small trees and lamp posts were removed.

Dave Bjork stated that his lawn is getting damaged during snow removal on the sidewalks. He also stated that he would appreciate it if the town would clean up the sand that gets on his lawn from the snow.

Richard Allard asked if the meeting room is too small to hold meetings as there is not enough space for everyone to spread out. Tyler noted that there are no longer any social distancing guidelines in place but that the gym will be considered for a meeting space when larger turnouts are expected. Richard then asked what the proper procedure is for filing a complaint. Tyler advised him to put the complaint in writing and bring it to the town office.

### **SELECTBOARD REPORT**

**Public Wi-Fi Update**– Tyler is still working with Axiom to resolve the Wi-Fi issue

Sue asked if Steve has been given a copy of the public works seasonal checklist. Marti stated that Steve has a copy.

Eric would like to see a report of the town's financials for the past 5 years. He also stated that he tried to measure the distance that was paved on the Willimantic Road but there was too much snow and ice to get an accurate measurement. He also noted that he spoke to Buddy

Martin and that Buddy said that for the whole 9 years he served on the selectboard, there were no official rules of order. He ran the meetings the same way that those before him had.

## **TOWN COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FESTIVAL COMMITTEE:** Sue stated that the Snowroller Festival will be happening, and that different people will be in charge of various events.

**BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE:** The brochures are not done yet; a lot of merchandise was sold at the Kris Kringle Fair and there will soon be a flier to post on Facebook and the website for the January 1 kick-off event.

**BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE:** The committee has sold \$300 worth of catnip toys, hats and dog treats.

## **TOWN MANGER REPORT**

**Public Works Truck:** The truck has been having a lot of issues lately and was taken to Jack Whittier to be repaired. The truck is now operational but will need to be brought to the dealer to have some computer/electrical issues addressed.

**Town Manager/CEO Position Update –** The Town Manager position has been posted and will remain posted until the position is filled. The CEO position has not yet been posted.

**CMP pole relocation at Transfer Station:** It was decided to move the pole as far back as possible to widen the driveway. According to CMP, the pole will be moved within the next 3 weeks. Public Works should be able to widen the driveway.

**Paving on Willimantic Rd:** Eric attempted to measure the distance of the paving but will need to wait until there is less snow and ice on the road.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Plot Sale at Churchyard Cemetery:** Daryll Witmer would like to buy a cemetery plot in the Churchyard Cemetery. Extensive work in the cemetery was done over the summer by the Historical Society and a gravesite maintenance company. It was determined that there are a few empty lots available. Whereas the cemetery had previously been closed, it was decided to check and see if there was an official policy in place before deciding to sell the plot.

**Property Maintenance Ordinance:** Due to concerns about health and safety issues at a North Guilford Road residence, it was requested that Marti try to find out what Milo had done to rectify a similar situation in their town, as much progress has been made in cleaning up the area. Milo sent a copy of their new Property Maintenance Ordinance for review. A public hearing will be held if the selectboard decides to move forward with an ordinance.

**Acceptance of Gifts:** Tyler Adkins motioned to accept a lighted flagpole and a piece of engraved slate for the veteran's memorial, donated by Glenn and Molly Poole and John Tatko, seconded by Eric Vainio.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.