

# TOWN OF MONSON

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

## **January 13, 2022 – Select Board Meeting**

**Present** –Tyler Adkins, Eric Vainio, Marti Gagnon,  
John Moore, Richard Allard, Rick Clawson, Jim Payne, Sandra Hardy

ZOOM- Sue Chase Brian Turner, Tim Bueschen, Bobbie Crockett, Sheila Grant. Jim Peters

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sandra Hardy stated that whereas there will be several dignitaries speaking in the gym during Bicentennial events, something needs to be done about the acoustics so people will be able to hear the speeches. She asked who will be in charge of overseeing the project. Tyler will think about it and let her know.

Jim Payne noted that there are springs on the hill on the Steward Road that cause water issues. Public Works will look at it in the spring.

Tim Bueschen gave a recap of the Fire Department calls in 2021 and also stressed the importance of fire safety and chimney cleaning as the department has had several structure fire calls so far this winter. During one of the fires, several trucks got stuck in the driveway and the department placed a call to Chad Davis at 2:30 am and Chad helped pull the trucks out and sanded the driveway so the firefighters could get to the house. Tim expressed the department's appreciation for Chad's help. He also noted that the Red Cross is very short staffed right now and encouraged anyone who may be interested in volunteering to do so.

### **SELECTBOARD REPORT**

Eric Vainio stated that all road complaints should be directed to the town manager and the plow contractor should only take direction from the town manager or the road commissioner.

Tyler Adkins noted that there are residents interested in reinstating the Recreation Committee.

## **TOWN COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FESTIVAL COMMITTEE:** Sue Chase stated that several residents are offering to work on the Snowroller Festival. They would like most events to take place at the lake and the Historical Society will be open, to be used as a warming station.

**BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE:** Bicentennial merchandise is selling well, and the magazine should be back from the printer in a couple of weeks.

**BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE:** The committee is working on plans for the spring. Tyler noted that more grant money may be available.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Interview/Hiring Committee:** The selectboard feels that the committee should consist of the Selectboard and the Town Clerk and should include some input from citizens of the town. A work session will be scheduled for 5:00 pm on January 27, to discuss the procedure and comprise a list of standard questions for all applicants.

**Re-write Sign Ordinance:** Eric stated that there needs to be clarification in the sign ordinance as to what should be done if there are no clear property lines, so the ordinance is enforceable and that the change needs to be made by the Planning Board. Sue suggested sending the current ordinance to the town attorney and asking for guidance.

**Possible Property Maintenance Ordinance:** Subject will be discussed at the next meeting. Marti will check in with Sue Hoovler about the Health Officer visit to the residence in question.

**Status of CEO Search:** This subject will be discussed at the upcoming work session on January 27 to write the job description and decide compensation.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Sign Abatements:** The Selectboard signed several abatements submitted by the assessor.

**Sign Cemetery Deed:** The Selectboard signed the cemetery deed for Daryl Witmer.

**Septic Agreement:** Tyler Adkins motioned to accept the 2022 septic field agreement with Patterson, seconded by Eric Vainio.

**911 Addressing Officer:** The town is required to have its own 911 Addressing Officer. Tyler signed the appointment, making Marti Gagnon the new 911 Addressing Officer.

**Sign Fire Department Ordinance:** The Selectboard signed the Fire Department Restitution Ordinance so claims can be filed with insurance companies.

**Freedom of Access/Right to Know Law:** Marti stated that there is now a formal request form available at the town office and that anyone can come in at any time and request information. Information will be given as soon as possible but due to the office being short staffed, it may take a little longer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm