

# TOWN OF MONSON

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

## **July 14, 2022 – Select Board Meeting**

**Present** –Tyler Adkins, Sandra Hardy, Sue Chase, Marti Gagnon,  
Rick Clawson, Kent Rich, Alaina Zelkan

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Public Comment

### **SELECTBOARD REPORT**

Sue Chase asked for updates on the following:

Speed Sign: Marti stated that the parts were delivered today, and the sign should be fixed by early next week. The selectboard discussed moving the sign further up Tenney Hill. If Steve can install the sign there, it will be moved, if not, it will be put back where it was.

Dock Ladder: The ladder fell off the dock again. The dock is in bad shape and will be removed from the water. Office staff will look for pricing on a new one.

Sue noted that the 35 mph sign on the North Guilford Rd should have an adjacent 45 mph sign.

Sandra Hardy noted that Monson, MA will be sending a group of people to Monson, ME for the August 20 Bicentennial celebrations and thought it would be nice to have a welcoming event for them on Friday or Saturday. The Monson Arts van will be able to transport them to Monson from Greenville where they will be staying. Sandra suggested a cookout by the lake. She will talk to Cass Hefferan about catering.

The ATV road use guidelines should be discussed further. Sue will look at Millinocket's policy. Sue also noted that ATV traffic on Elliotsville road during July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend was awful.

Sandra stated that more volunteers are needed for the Beautification Committee, and a Recreation Committee and Events Committee also need to be formed. She suggested putting out a recruitment post. Alaina will work with her on drafting the post.

Tyler Adkins suggested putting up a board of priorities during Summer Fest for people to chime in on what they think is important for the town. Tyler also asked for an update on the MRC recycling facility. Sue explained that the MRC won the stalking horse bid and will be talking with other operators to see if they would like to partner with them on the project. The MRC will also be having an executive session to discuss financing and hopefully they will be up and running in a month or two. The next meeting is on July 27<sup>th</sup>. Sue will try to attend.

Update on 31 Water St. - Marti explained that the owner of the property had not been officially served the Notice of Findings from the public hearing held in 2020. The paperwork has been sent to a MA process server to be served to the owner. There will be a 30 day waiting period after the papers are served, then the building will be removed.

Premium Choice Update: Marti will follow up and provide an update at the next meeting.

Tyler stated that Axiom is looking for new spot for the WiFi. They are considering a pole behind the town office. The 25 mph sign on the Willimantic Road needs to be cleared of bamboo and weeds.

## **TOWN COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FESTIVAL COMMITTEE:** No Report

**BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE:** No Report

**BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE:** No Report

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**RHR Smith Contract:** Alaina presented the contract for check reconciliation from RHR Smith. The selectboard reviewed and signed the contract.

**Supplemental Tax:** The selectboard reviewed and signed a tree growth penalty and a supplemental tax.

**Cemetery Sexton:** Marti spoke to Chris Later about being the cemetery sexton. Chris expressed that he is willing to consider it. Marti and Alaina will put together a job description and meet with Chris to discuss further.

**Town Manager Appointment:** The selectboard signed the Interim Town Manager appointment which was not signed at the last meeting. Tyler Adkins motioned to appoint Alaina Zelkan General Assistance Administrator, seconded by Sandra Hardy.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Town Manager Updates:** Alaina provided updates on the following:

- Brian Turner is working with Maine Rural Water on water testing.
- MMA Workers Comp. department offers safety grants for road cones, ladders and other safety gear for fire departments. Alaina is working on getting more information.
- More space is needed to park the public works equipment, fire trucks/boat, etc. Ideas are being discussed. Alaina also mentioned that the Fire Department would like an email address.
- The state offers a fuel and gas refund on a percentage of gallons purchased. The town has not been getting the refund, but the state will accept requests going back up to 18 months. Alaina is working on the request.

**Dangerous Buildings-Moosehead Manufacturing Plant:** Kent Rich noted that a large portion of the Moosehead Manufacturing facility has collapsed and wondered if he should address the matter with the property owner. After a brief discussion it was decided that Kent will send a letter to the owner and begin the process of getting it cleaned up. He will also follow up on a few other dangerous buildings in town.

**Roadside Mowing Update:** The roadside mowing/brush cutting has been put out to bid. The deadline for submitting bids is July 28. Alaina will also get a quote to rent a mower and have public works do the mowing.

The meeting moved to executive session for 1 M.R.S. ss 405(1)(E)-Legal Matters at 7:06 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.