

TOWN OF MONSON

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

July 28, 2022 – Select Board Meeting

Present –Tyler Adkins, Sandra Hardy, Sue Chase, Marti Gagnon,
Rick Clawson, Richard Allard, Justin Thomas, Alaina Zelkan

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Allard noted that some people have trouble logging into the selectboard meetings on Zoom. He also does not feel that it's fair that Brian Turner did not address the collapsed building issues at the old Moosehead Manufacturing plant, years ago, and now the new CEO has to deal with it.

SELECTBOARD REPORT

Sue Chase asked for updates on the following:

Floating Dock: Marti stated that Steve was able to correct some of the issues with the dock and fix the ladder, so it no longer falls off. Therefore, rather than remove the dock, he put it back in the water. There is currently no money budgeted to buy a new one so the dock will probably be replaced next year.

Premuim Choice: Marti spoke to Bill Varney at Premium Choice. The fiber should be done in approximately 4 weeks.

Bamboo/weeds on Willimantic Road: Alaina stated that the 25 mph sign on the Willimantic Road is so overgrown with weeds it can't be seen. Public Works weed wacked all the signs except that one because they didn't see it. Steve will go back and trim the sign.

Sexton Position: The position will be posted, and applicants will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Property Tax Stabilization: The Town Office has applications and instructions available for those who are interested.

ATV Road Use: Millinocket was not able to provide any helpful information, Sue is waiting to hear back from MMA on the matter of guidelines for opening roads to ATVs. She spoke to several other towns; some towns have annual reviews with public input, other towns only allow road use to access other nearby trails. Some Elliotsville Road residents have expressed concern about ATV use on the road. Sandra feel that the board should draft something soon, Tyler would like to involve residents and clubs in the conversation.

Alaina provided financial statements for the selectboard to review. She will provide monthly reports via email prior to the meetings.

Sandra asked for an update on the speed sign. The sign has been repaired and has been moved up Tenney Hill to just before Hebron Heights driveway.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Alaina provided updates on the following:

- The 45 mph speed limit sign for the North Guilford Road has been ordered.
- The commitment information will be sent to the GIS mapping company when it's done.
- The Fire Department had 9 calls in June. Alaina is still working on the safety grant and is also looking at a communications grant.
- The winter sand will be put out to bid. Bruce Thomas is no longer interested in delivering sand.

TOWN COMMITTEE REPORTS

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE: The committee is arranging a Meet and Greet at Turning Page Farm on August 19 for the Monson, MA folks who will be in town that weekend. The big parade will be held on August 20th; Glenn Poole is trying to arrange boat rides on the lake and a cookout will be held at the Wentworths. The Monson Arts van will be available to transport the Monson, MA guests to the events.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE: No Report

OLD BUSINESS

Opening of Snow Plow Bids: One bid was received. Sandra opened the 3 year bid from Chad Davis. Year one - \$185,000, year 2 - \$203,500, year 3 - \$223, 850, extended bid - \$238,850. Sue suggested checking with other towns to consider the possibility of sharing a plow contractor, Rick Clawson stated there was another contractor interested in bidding who did not have

enough time to put together a bid. Tyler noted that there is still time left to decide what to do and would like to look for creative solutions. Alaina will reach out to other town managers to find solutions and bid will be extended.

Opening of Roadside Mowing/Brush Cutting Bids: No bids were submitted. Alaina will continue to look for equipment to rent and the public works department will do the mowing.

Doughty Hill Road Update: This matter will be discussed further in Executive Session.

Maine Downtown Scope of Work: Alaina will find out how to move the process forward.

NEW BUSINESS

Quit Claim Deed: Alaina presented a quit claim deed for taxes paid. The selectboard signed the deed.

Committee Member Appointments: Alaina presented appointments for volunteers for the Recreation and Festival/Events Committees. The selectboard signed the appointments.

Commitment: Alaina noted that the assessor will be here tomorrow to do the commitment. She presented 4 mill rates and explained what they will mean to the overlay. 17.0 will give the town \$21,327 in overlay, 17.1 will put \$29,966 in overlay, 17.15 will put \$34,035 in overlay and 17.2 will put \$38,104 in overlay. Last year, \$38,000 was budgeted for overlay and \$24,000 was used. Tyler Adkins motioned to use 17.15, seconded by Sandra Hardy.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.