

TOWN OF MONSON

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

August 11, 2022 – Select Board Meeting

Present –Tyler Adkins, Sandra Hardy, Sue Chase, Marti Gagnon,
Dan Dube, Richard Allard, Brian and Cindy Turner Alaina Zelkan

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard noted that the re-posted plowing bid ad has an incorrect deadline date. Marti clarified it was an error by the newspaper and has been fixed. He also asked how to access the zoom videos of the selectboard meetings. Sandra stated she will try to find out how to access the videos.

SELECTBOARD REPORT

Sandra Hardy:

A resident has suggested putting a changing station at the beach so people can change out of their swimsuits when they're done swimming. The resident is willing to donate the materials. Tyler has heard similar requests and would like to meet with interested parties as well as post a suggestion board at the beach. Brian noted that the structure will have to be 75 feet from the center of the road and 100 feet from the water.

A review of the Land Use Ordinance should be done every year. Cindy stated that the planning board reviews the ordinance every year.

Tyler Adkins:

A resident asked about having a public restroom in town. The town had budgeted for one at the boat launch, but Foss Enterprises was currently sold out for the season. The matter will be readdressed next year.

Tyler attended the Moosehead Lake Economic Development Group annual dinner. There is lots of grant availability and Tyler plans to participate in the group's strategic planning, so Monson is involved.

The selectboard held a special meeting on August 2 to further discuss the mill rate. The selectboard initially voted on a 17.15 mill rate but dropped it to 16.95 after all the assessing updates had been done.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Alaina reached out to Dover-Foxcroft to see if Monson can borrow a digital sign to announce the upcoming parade. She is trying to find out who owns the sign.

There are ongoing issues with landowners on the Bjork Rd. Rod Bjork has been doing maintenance on the road for a number of years but will need to be classified as a contractor to continue to do work. Alaina will draw up a contract.

TOWN COMMITTEE REPORTS

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE: The big Bicentennial parade is scheduled for August 20. The train display has been cancelled due to asbestos issues.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE: Fall plants will be available in 10 days. The committee has updated their project list and is discussing sculpture ideas.

OLD BUSINESS

ATV Access Update: Sue noted that the state has guidelines for opening roads to ATV use. Some towns have an annual review of their policies and only allow ATVs on the roads during daylight hours. Enforcement is another matter that will need to be considered. Tyler suggested a public meeting with the ATV clubs.

Recreation Committee Appointment: Sandra Hardy motioned to appoint Morgan Mareglia to the Recreation Committee, seconded by Tyler Adkins.

NEW BUSINESS

Schedule Public Hearing for Shoreland Zoning Ordinance: It was decided that the public hearing will be held September 8 at 5:00 pm, followed by a special town meeting at 5:30 and the regularly scheduled selectboard meeting at 6:00.

Tyler asked how the comprehensive plan is coming along. Cindy stated that the plan needs to be sent to the state and a public hearing and special town meeting will also need to be

scheduled. There needs to be more economic development language in the plan and a committee and budget will be needed.

Alaina will be sending the commitment book to the GIS company. Tyler noted that the GIS tab on the website still says that the town is looking for an assessor. Alaina presented the new 2022/2023 assessing contract from RJD Appraisals. The selectboard signed the contract.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.