

TOWN OF MONSON

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

October 13, 2022 – Select Board Meeting

Present –Tyler Adkins, Sandra Hardy, Sue Chase, Marti Gagnon, Alaina Zelkan

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

SELECTBOARD REPORTS

Sue Chase asked for updates on the following:

Tire burnouts on Elliotsville Rd – Alaina stated that Steve will check the marks after the rain.

Small streetlights – The breaker was tripped in the pump house which was why the lights were not working. The issue was resolved but a truck has since hit one of the lights so now a couple of them aren't working again. The light will be repaired.

Comp. Plan update – Alaina explained that the process is at the public input stage. She will review the process with the state before proceeding to make sure everything is done correctly.

Sandra asked about upcoming committee meetings. Alaina explained that the committee members had a lot going on in the recent past, so it was hard to schedule meetings. Now that things are starting to slow down a bit, it should be easier for members to attend meetings. Sandra then asked Tyler when he will begin working on getting information about a cell tower. Tyler should be able to start working on it by the end of the month. Alaina added that she is looking for a radio as a means of communication with the public works department.

Concerns about vandalism were discussed. Alaina also expressed concern about the public parking behind the town office, as town equipment is kept there. The town will consider installing cameras.

Concern was also expressed about messy yards in town. The matter will be brought to the Code Enforcement Officer and monthly updates will be provided.

Alaina noted that an earth moving permit was issued in error, but the issue has been resolved with the DEP.

Tyler informed everyone that the next step for the WIFI is getting permission from Consolidated Communications to install equipment on the poles. Alaina will find out the procedure.

Tyler would like to schedule a work session to discuss the Maine Community Resiliency Partnership. He will be working with Leslie Fernow from Commons Energy Collaborative in Dover-Foxcroft. A tentative meeting date was set for Friday, October 21.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Alaina provided updates on the following:

GIS updates are almost complete.

Alaina, from Emergency Management will be sending grant materials for the Fire Department. Alaina will be sending her a list of upcoming projects for possible grant consideration as well. The Fire Department non-profit number was expired; a new one was just received today. The department now needs a federal number and will then be able to proceed with more grant opportunities.

The Selectboard signed the Cemetery Sexton appointment for Chris Later.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE: A pumpkin carving and costume parade will be held on October 30.

November 1 will be the kick-off for the food drive. The food will be donated to local food pantries. Tyler suggested finding out how many Monson residents utilize other food pantries.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE: The committee will be wrapping 30 phone poles with garland and solar lights before December 3. They would also like to put the town Christmas tree at the intersection of North Guilford Rd and Tenney Hill Rd.

OLD BUSINESS

EV Charging Station: Alaina received a quote from Carbon Day. The cost for a dual charger will be \$11,280.00, which includes a cloud plan for updates, reporting and card capability. The unit will need to be installed by an electrician and the town will also need to dig a trench and pay CMP for new service. Alaina will send Tyler an email from Efficiency Maine which will help explain how the grant is structured.

Sign Contract for RHR Smith for Continuing Check Reconciliation: Tyler Adkins motioned to continue the contract with RHR Smith, seconded by Sue Chase. Contract was signed.

Generator Grant: Alaina explained that the grant for the gym generator only covers half of the cost. She will see if there are any other grants to cover the rest of the cost.

Sue attended the road session of the MMA conference and learned that the town can approve “no thru trucks” signs on town roads. There had been 2 of these signs on the North Guilford Road but one is missing. The selectboard will revisit the matter.

NEW BUSINESS

Supplemental Tax for 31 Water St: The selectboard signed the supplemental tax for demolishing the building at 31 Water St.

Abatement: The selectboard signed an abatement for incorrect acreage.

MVR: The selectboard signed the Municipal Valuation Return.

Quit Claim Deed -Keith Shaw: The selectboard signed the quitclaim deed, returning property to Keith Shaw for taxes paid.

Agreement for Boundary Line with Apitz Property: The selectboard reviewed the survey and signed the agreement.

Updating of Rules and Order for Selectboard Meetings: Alaina noted that she changed the meeting schedule on the rules of order to once per month. No other changes are required at this time. Tyler Adkins motioned to adopt the Rules of Order as amended, seconded by Sue Chase.

Meeting moved to Executive Session for 1 MRSA ss 405 (6) Personnel Matters at 7:30 PM.

