

Selectboard members present: Peter Marsh, Tony Porter, Susan Jefferies (Chair)
Others present: Tom Estey, Dennis Casey, Steve Pilcher, Kerry Kurt

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

Minutes: T. Porter moved to approve the minutes of the April 19 Selectboard meeting. P. Marsh seconded. Voted and approved.

Bills: T. Porter moved to instruct the Treasurer to pay the bills as presented. P. Marsh seconded. Voted and approved.

Road Foreman's Report: T. Estey reported that paving at the new town garage is complete. The subcontractor suggested that we fill cracks between the salt shed blocks and coat the blocks with foundation sealer.

Mail: There was no mail that required attention.

Visitor's Business:

- **Steve Pilcher** – Monkton Selectboard Chair Steve Pilcher discussed Monkton's need for a town administrator. This position would prepare grant applications and reports and provide administrative support for the Selectboard. He asked whether Starksboro had considered a similar position. The Starksboro Selectboard has recently considered hiring someone to take minutes of meetings. S. Pilcher offered to provide a job description.

There was also discussion about the difficulty of collecting property taxes on mobile homes. Starksboro has been working closely with Addison County Community Trust to resolve this issue.

P. Marsh asked whether Monkton would have any interest in a meeting of members from Selectboards in Addison County, similar to the Road Foremen meetings. There was general agreement that these meetings would be useful. P. Marsh suggested the 5th Tuesday of months that had five Tuesdays, which would be once per quarter.

- **Dennis Casey** – The Selectboard and Dennis Casey discussed the proposed zoning regulations and the upcoming public hearing. S. Jefferies reported that she discussed options for adopting zoning regulations with Adam Lougee of the Addison County Regional Planning Commission. He noted that the Selectboards adopt zoning regulations in most Addison County towns. Bristol and Monkton are required to have an Australian Ballot vote because those towns previously approved a warned article requiring a public vote.
- **Kerry Kurt** – K. Kurt asked about the berm to be constructed on town property. S. Jefferies said that work at the town garage must be completed before the berm can be

constructed. The property sale will be on the first available Development Review Board agenda. S. Jefferies believed this will be in May, but needs to confirm with the Zoning Administrator. T. Porter agreed to attend the meeting to represent the town.

K. Kurt stated that she doesn't want anyone to believe that she does not have a problem with the location of the salt shed. She also stated that she had advocated for the salt shed to be placed somewhere not so obvious. P. Marsh said that the original site plan had the garage and salt shed further up the hill away from K. Kurt's property, and that she asked the Selectboard to consider relocating it. K. Kurt said that was not how she remembered the events.

Old Business:

- **Class 4 Road Maintenance Policy** – T. Porter distributed a draft Class 4 Road and Trail Policy. The Selectboard and Road Foreman reviewed the draft. T. Porter will prepare an updated copy and distribute. This item will be on the next Selectboard agenda. There was discussion about asking the town to throw up some class 4 roads.
- **Scale House** – T. Porter noted that a company in Williston may be interested in purchasing the scale.

New Business:

- **Library** – The Selectboard agreed that it would make sense for the Library to coordinate the use of the Library by outside groups.
- **Village Center** – P. Marsh asked whether the town should consider designating a village center. He noted that we would have received additional points toward the salt shed grant had we established a village center.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

- Garage construction update
- Zoning bylaws
- Update on paperwork for DRB regarding sale of land

May meetings will be on the 3rd and 17th. There will be an informational meeting about the proposed zoning regulations on May 10th at 7 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Jefferies