

TOWN OF MONSON

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

October 28, 2021 – Select Board Meeting

Present –Tyler Adkins, Eric Vainio, Sue Chase, John Moore,
Jim Payne, Sandra Hardy, Richard Allard, Rick Clawson, Dan and Diane Dube, Jackie Stevens,
Brian Turner, Steve Vainio, Dawn MacPherson-Allen

- 1) Meeting opened at 6:00 PM
- 2) Selectboard approves prior meeting minutes and signs warrants
- 3) Tyler Adkins officially opens meeting to public comment

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dawn stated that the base of the veteran's memorial is done, and the monument is being carved. Glenn and Molly Poole gifted a lighted flagpole and a piece of engraved slate.

Richard feels that a full audit of Daniel's work should be done to make sure the town's affairs are in proper order. Tyler assured him that the town is working to get things organized and that the selectboard has seen no indication of financial impropriety. Richard then stated that all matters brought before the selectboard are strictly business, not personal.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

SELECTBOARD REPORT

Tyler provided updates on the following:

Public WiFi – The WiFi is still having trouble. Axiom will be in town next week to try to resolve the issue.

Fence Repair at Transfer Station: The jersey barriers have been installed and there will be a meeting in November with CMP to see about moving the pole in order to widen the driveway.

ADA Ramp and Gym Door: This work will be put back out to bid

Road Mirrors: The mirrors have been delivered and need to be installed.

Fire Dept./EMS Vaccination Status: The fire dept. vaccination rate has increased and new laws state that unvaccinated responders need to stay 6 feet away from patients.

Artisan Cottage: Tyler will coordinate with the entrepreneurship group to decide when/ where to move the cottage.

Sue stated that the selectboard needs to revisit the by-laws and rules of order as well as the website maintenance. Amelia Trader will be coming to the office tomorrow to set Jade up to be able to post items on the website and the rest of the website maintenance will be discussed later.

Eric would like to further review the sign ordinance to make sure everything is clear. He also mentioned that the town needs to decide if anything will be done on the Monson hill section of the Willimantic Road. There is an area on Forest Ave that gets very mushy in the spring which will need to be addressed. The speed bump on the North Guilford Road can wait until spring.

TOWN COMMITTEE REPORTS

FESTIVAL COMMITTEE: Eric received a letter from Dee Adams and Bobbi Crockett stating that they will not be organizing the Snowroller Festival this year. Sandra Hardy and Sue Chase met and are trying to recruit a chairperson for the committee. Dawn stated that Jonathan Pullen will be helping with the event.

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE: Dawn asked Sue to be on the committee and be the person who reports back to the selectboard. Sandra noted that the brochure has been designed and the merchandise has been ordered. The committee is considering not having a coin.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE: Bulbs have been planted.

OLD BUSINESS

Early Buyout of Solar Panels: Tyler is still working on this.

NEW BUSINESS

Interim Town Manager Appointment: Tyler explained that the town is required to have an acting town manager. Eric Vainio motioned to appoint Martha Gagnon interim town manager until the position can be filled permanently, seconded by Sue Chase. Tyler Adkins then motioned to appoint Jade Grenier Deputy Town Clerk and Deputy Registrar, seconded by Sue Chase.

Public Works List: Tyler stated that there have been past discussions about the Town Manager role in the Public Works Department and that he would like to get everyone on the same page. The list of seasonal duties to be performed by Public Works was discussed and Eric mentioned

adding putting out the town docks, making sure sidewalks, town office and gym entrances are sanded, supporting town activities, and checking ditches and culverts after rain- storms. Brian Turner mentioned that the Public Works Department has also helped the Utilities District in the past.

Road Committee Nominations: Tyler explained that he would like to work on forming a Road Advisory Committee to help prepare for spring road work. The committee will consist of the Public Works Foreman and 4 additional members, for a 1-year term. He read through the description of the committee's responsibilities, and it was decided that the committee's recommendations will be submitted to the Road Commissioner but September 30 each year. Tyler motioned to establish a Road Advisory Committee as written and read in the Committee Charge, seconded by Eric Vainio. The request for members will be posted on Facebook and the town web site.

Dangerous Building – 31 Water St. – Tyler stated that the selectboard will wait 30 days and then take enforcement action. Brian will send a letter to the owner.

Code Enforcement – 34 Greenville Rd – No appeal has been filed. Tyler Adkins motioned to fine the owner \$100 per day until the issue is resolved, seconded by Eric Vainio.

Eric noted that it appears that some clean up was done on Forest Ave. He only noticed one trailer on the side of the road. There is meeting scheduled for tomorrow for the Public Works Department and ME DOT to assess the roads

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM