

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

Tuesday, April 22, 2014, 7:15 pm, Tyringham Town Hall  
116 Main Road, Tyringham

Present – Christopher Johnson, Gerard Miller, Tonio Palmer, Donald Puntin, James Consolati, Sarah Hudson  
Mimi Crandall

**Solar / Composting** – Sarah Hudson spoke to the Select Board about the Solar Energy projects in Berkshire County. Sarah is wondering if Tyringham would consider solar energy, on existing and new town buildings. She has researched the Solar Companies and they are willing to give estimates to the town.

Christopher Johnson was a member of the Green Committee when they researched the idea of solar. They were interested in putting solar panels on the roof of the pavilion. They were informed that the building was not structurally sound for panels. It was suggested that Sarah talk with Matt Puntin about this idea.

Gerard Miller commented that the Planning Board is currently working on solar power by-law. He suggested that Sarah visit a Planning Board Meeting and talk with them about the regulations that might be in place.

Sarah also inquired as to the possibility of community compost, possibly at the Transfer Station. She said the Salinetti Farm might also consider town composting. Gerard Miller explained to Sarah that the Town is also looking into the single stream recycling program.

**Budgets / Finance Committee FY15** – Donald Puntin began by reading the duties of the Finance Committee that were outlined by the Board of Selectmen. He feels that the Committee has complied fairly well with the outline. The Selectmen agreed and commended the Finance Committee on the progress made this year. Donald also feels that the Board of Selectmen should discuss with the Finance Committee any matters that would involve a major expenditure. Gerard Miller stated that most towns have a threshold amount and any expenditure over that amount would have to be presented to the Finance Committee for approval. It then would revert back to the Select Board who would make the final decision. Tonio Palmer added that a quarterly review of some of the larger budgets might make things less complicated.

James Consolati went over the budget line by line with the Selectmen. He explained new growth and Proposition 2 ½. James also explained the Stabilization Fund and Free Cash.

The Selectmen asked about the monies being carried forward by town departments. James suggested that for larger amounts the departments would explain in writing the reason for carrying the money forward. This would be given to the Finance Committee.

The Selectmen had questions about the budget. These were discussed and addressed.

The Finance Committee and the Select Board talked about the future needs of the town as well as current expenditures.

There will be a Budget Presentation on Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> , and Monday April 28<sup>th</sup> , 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.



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Christopher Johnson, Chairman

*Absent*

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Peter L. Curtin, Clerk



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Gerard Miller, Member

Sign In for 4/22/14  
Board of Health + Selectmen meeting

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