

Board of Selectmen Meeting - Tuesday, December 9, 2014. 7:04 p.m.
116 Main Road, Tyringham

Present-- Christopher Johnson, Gerard Miller.

Others present - Molly Curtin-Schaefer & (see attached list)

Mail was read, Treasury warrants were approved, previous minutes were approved.

HIGHWAY GARAGE:

Matthew Puntin was in to discuss the latest plan for the highway garage. It is the committees opinion the new garage be built at the Transfer Station, just inside the gate to the right. A variance would be needed because the set back from the road is approximately 25 feet short. Matt discussed the septic system, well, conservation commission permits, variances along with the size of this proposed building. (approximately 50 feet by 75.) The Town will start in that area with test pitts. Depending on the results, a well would be researched. A "douser" may be consulted for a well location. Maggie Howard stated she has used Ben Loring-as he is a douser.

SALT USAGE:

Everett Fennelly was in and is concerned about the amount of salt put on the roads. He feels to much salt is being dispersed. This will eventually contaminate the wells of 54 homes on Main Road and all have artesian wells. Chris Johnson stated the Town is not allowed to use sand any longer. He further stated the rock salt we purchase is not like the salt that the State uses, which is treated salt. A discussion ensued about the tons of salt that is used and the possible well contamination as well as the Towns liability for safe roadways and how fast cars and trucks travel in hazardous conditions. Mr. Fennelly asked the Board to do something before a contamination happens. It was decided to look into having the roadsides tested over a couple year period and compare the data. Les Beebe stated he has a concern on the salt usage although sand is not an option. We may consult UMASS and Berkshire Regional Planning Commission for more information on this.

HIGHWAY DEPT.

The 2000 International (truck #3) needs new tires, Les Beebe discussed recaps vs. new. The backhoe is losing antifreeze (possible head gasket/seals). Les is talking to CAT about sending the backhoe out to have repairs made. Chris Johnson suggested calling other commercial repair shops as they might have the special tool that is required to make such repairs. The Board asked Les to check with A & M Repair on the backhoe issue. An equipment committee meeting will be scheduled in January.

Larry Gould our Building Inspector reported:

LIBRARY ROOF: We need to hire an engineer to see if the library roof would hold the load of a new metal roof. Molly to work with Larry on this.

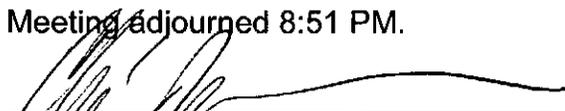
SCHOOL HOUSE:

Mike Pheny from the Department Environmental Protections will be testing the school house for indoor air quality in relation to the mold issue.

MISCELLANEOUS BUILDING REPAIRS: We will have to hold off on the miscellaneous building repairs until Spring. The Town received no bids when this was advertised earlier this Fall.

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK: Gerard Miller updated the Board on the process of the new handbook. They meet 1 hour per month, they are using the employee handbook from Otis and adjust information to be used in Tyringham.

Meeting adjourned 8:51 PM.



Christopher Johnson, Chairman

Absent

Peter L. Curtin, Clerk



Gerard Miller, Member

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Time

Name

Dexter B. Bell

Edward Kennelly

Maggie Howard

MATT PUNIN