

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

Tuesday, July 8, 2014, 7:15 pm, Town Hall
116 Main Road, Tyringham

Present – Christopher Johnson, Peter L. Curtin, Mimi Crandall, Les Beebe, and see attached list

Mail was read. Previous minutes were approved. Treasury Warrants were approved.

Finance Committee –

Tax Collector –

The Finance Committee received a letter from Margaret DeSantis describing her job responsibilities as Tax Collector. The Finance Committee would like Margaret to submit time sheets each week beginning July 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2014. These sheets going thru the end of the year 12/31/2014 will give them a better idea as to how much time her job consumes. She is eligible for health insurance until that time. The time sheets are a prerequisite for health insurance. The Finance Committee is willing to go through the procedure with her. Christopher Johnson asked the Committee to keep the dialogue going.

Raises for town employees –

The Finance Committee does not feel they are in a position to do a job review on the town employees in order to make a determination. Christopher Johnson stated that it is difficult to evaluate the employees without a job description or employee handbook. He would like to see all employees receive some compensation. Gerard Miller has formed a committee to create an employee handbook.

Don Puntin suggested that the Selectmen give the Finance Committee time to have guidelines as to employee responsibilities and delay the raise, which can become retroactive then.

Tonio Palmer noted that all employees need a chance to have a discussion concerning their jobs.

The Finance Committee will work on guidelines for town employees.

Peter Curtin agreed that the raises should be put off for a few months and then be retroactive.

Town Buildings -

Don Puntin spoke with Larry Gould about the replacement of the roof at the Library / Post Office. Christopher Johnson has also spoken with Larry. Larry has some figures as to cost. There was a discussion as to how it was done. Chris suggested that they need to talk to the Historical Commission. No one knew if the building was historical.

There was discussion concerning the Town Hall and the School House also needing work done.

Transfer Station Attendent –

Thomas J. Fennelly was the only applicant for the position of relief at the Transfer Station.

Peter Curtin made a motion to hire Tom Fennelly. Christopher Johnson seconded the motion.

Bid Opening for a New Highway Truck – 7:30 pm

There were two bids submitted for the new Highway Garage truck. The bids were opened

Berkshire GMC – Bid - \$41,500.00
Trade in allowance 7,000.00
Final Bid Price \$ 34,500.00

Central Auto Team Bid - \$38,548.00
Trade in allowance 800.00
Final Bid Price \$37,748.00

Noah explained the specs on the new truck. The Equipment Committee looked over the bids and discussed the truck. Christopher Johnson made a motion to accept the Berkshire GMC bid as it was the lowest. Peter Curtin seconded. Mimi Crandall will type letters of results to both bidders.

Site visit – 113 Main Road

Christopher Johnson made a site visit to 113 Main Road and said that Ken Jones has made amazing progress in cleaning up the site. Christopher gave Mr. Jones some ideas for cleaning the site. The cleanup is to continue.

Cluster Mailboxes –

The Selectmen are still waiting on word about the Cluster Mailboxes.

New Business-

Tonio Palmer received an e-mail from the representative at Wired West. The approval for grant monies for Wired West looked favorable. Tyringham needs to let Wired West know by the end of the month if they wish to join.

Since there would not be another Select Board meeting this month and the money was allocated in the budget could approval be given tonight? Christopher Johnson made a motion to file the paperwork to join Wired West. Peter Curtin seconded.

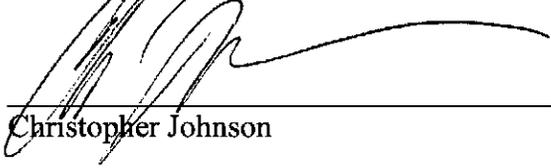
Charles Slater, Jr. asked permission to have someone at the Transfer Station to sell Steak Roast Tickets. Christopher Johnson and Peter Curtin approved.

Charles Slater stated that Pittsfield had received a grant for radios and pagers for the Fire Company.

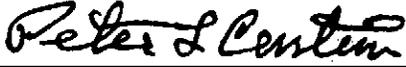
Charles Slater has performed the inspection at the Cobble View B&B. He has not been paid yet.

Norman Beamon updated the board as to the status of the bridge for Hop Brook. The bridge would have to be delivered in August. He would need a letter from the Town Attorney stating that Tyringham would take liability once the bridge was put in place. He wanted to write a letter to the Trustees of Reservation asking them to sell the original land plus additional land. Carl Curtin stated that the Trustees of Reservation land on the Cobble was under Federal Land Conservation with Federal restrictions in place. And that nothing could be done to the land without going through the Federal Government. Christopher Johnson reminded Mr. Beamon that there is a Committee in place that is committed to finding a parcel for the Highway garage.

Meeting Adjourned 8:00 PM



Christopher Johnson



Peter L. Curtin

ABSENT

Gerard Miller

Sign in July 8, 2014

Tonio Palmer

James Gussat

Don Hunter

Norm Beamon

Charles Slater

Richard Loring

Carl Curtin -

Noel Choquette -

Henning Carlson