

**Board of Selectmen Meeting** - Tuesday, February 10. 7:10 p.m.  
116 Main Road, Tyringham

Present-- Christopher Johnson, Gerard Miller.

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

**PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:** Robin Almgren

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

**Wind Energy:**

Robin Almgren was in to discuss a proposed new Tyringham Zoning Bylaw. This bylaw is in relation to "Wind Energy Facility". A discussion ensued about the Wind Energy bylaw and Robin asked to review this with Town Counsel before a public hearing date is scheduled.

The following documents were signed by Acting Chairman Johnson:

- Porchlight VNA/Home Care for FY16 to provide public health functions.
- A bill to Northeast Utilities for \$26,172.08 for the John Deere Roadside Mower

The following documents were discussed:

- The Board is reviewing a Conservation Restriction for the Challinor property off Of Fenn Road. If signed the property would always be usable to the public for non-motorized recreation.
- The Historical Commission asked to help in the planning stages for the future use and architectural integrity of the Library/Post Office and School House.
- Molly to discuss the engineering contract for the Library with Town Counsel.

Gerard Miller attended the Annual Massachusetts Municipal Meeting held in Boston. He gave an overview of the different seminars he attended.

Christopher Johnson discussed the last Equipment Committee meeting and possible items to be purchased for FY16. He stated Leslie Beebe is retiring in August 2015 and the following equipment is personally owned by Mr. Beebe; compressor, torches, welder, and many of the hand tools. This is approximately \$25,000.00 worth of equipment to be replaced.

The Hough loader is mechanically very sound, however, the parts for this loader are no longer available. It does have a few issues, but usable. A new loader is approximately \$140,000.

The newest fire truck is 30 years old. It is mechanically sound. Some parts are not available any longer. A discussion ensued regarding the fire calls vs. medical calls in Town and the pros/cons of a new fire truck.

Also discussed at the Equipment Committee meeting was purchasing land for a new highway building. The Transfer Station property is NOT a viable option.

**OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS: "OPEB"**

The Finance Committee will be asked to discuss OPEB with the Board at the next meeting. The Town has a report outlining our obligations for OPEB and we need to fund this account.

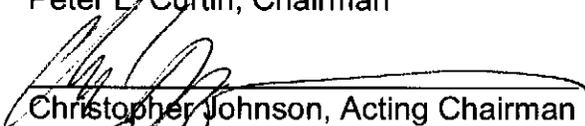
**FY2016 BUDGETS:**

The budget requests have been sent to all departments. The Finance Committee is starting to meet and develop the FY16 budget. We need to discuss the budgets for the school repairs, library roof, land acquisition , a new building, highway dept. equipment and tools.

Meeting adjourned 8:54 PM.

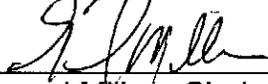
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Peter L. Curtin, Chairman



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Christopher Johnson, Acting Chairman



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Gerard Miller, Clerk

**Consider adding the following language to the Tyringham Zoning Bylaw...**

**(1) Add a new definition to Section 2 for the term “Large Scale Wind Energy Facility”**

*Large Scale Wind Energy Facility:* All equipment, machinery and structures utilized in connection with the conversion of wind to electricity. This includes but is not limited to transmission, storage, collection and supply equipment, substations, transformers, towers, wind turbines, foundations, service roads and other appurtenant structures, facilities and equipment.

**(2) Add a new section 4.5**

**4.5 Prohibited Uses**

4.5.1 Large scale wind energy facilities are prohibited.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN / BOARD OF HEALTH**

Date: 2/10/2015

TIME - 7:00pm NAME- Robin Almenza  
Narain Schroeder BNRC

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