

**Board of Selectmen Meeting** - Tuesday, February 24, 7:30 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 DEPT.** Noah Choquette had an accident on January 12, 2015 and no report was filled out. (see attached) We will check with Chief Holian to see who he assigned fault to. The Town has received a claim from Mr. Snyder for \$2,549.39 for repair to his vehicle. This claim was sent to MIIA, the Town claims no responsibility. Gerard Miller made a motion that town employees involved in an accident with personal injury or property damage must fill out an accident report. Christopher Johnson seconded, no opposition.

**LIBRARY ROOF:** The Board is looking to replace the clay tile roof. This roof has been leaking for several years and the Town has been making repairs over and over again. The Board would like to protect the building and the contents. Larry Gould has been Consulted on Town Building repair needs. Larry has suggested Chris Vreeland, PE be hired by the Town to design the specs for this roof replacement. The Selectmen will set up a meeting next Tuesday to discuss the contract with Mr. Vreeland and Larry Gould. Nini Gilder and Maggie Howard were present for this discussion and are very concerned that the roof replacement bears careful consideration. This is a very unique roof and of the period when it was constructed in 1905. Nini Gilder stated Everett Fennelly would have some expertise on this building and roof. Nini and Maggie will contact an architect to get advice and options to insulate and recover the roof at the Library.

**CONSERVATION RESTRICTION** (see attached)

The board voted to approve the Conservation Restriction to Berkshire Natural Resources Council over land of David Thompson Challinor. This property is approximately 479 acres off of Fenn Road. Christopher Johnson made a motion to approve this restriction and Gerard Miller seconded, No opposition.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

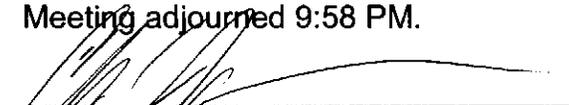
A discussion on budgets ensued for the FY16 annual town meeting. The larger ticket items that were discussed were: property for a new highway garage, repairs for the school house, library, town building, highway equipment needs, and possible broadband expense.

**Other Post-Employment Benefits – "OPEB"**

The census of the Town's "OPEB" report has changed because of the removal of elected officials not being eligible for health/dental insurance. We will acquire another report with accurate figures from the Siegel Consulting thru the Berkshire Regional Group Purchasing. Molly will submit the "RFP" to the Jim Consolati.

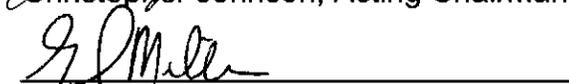
**TAX COLLECTOR:** The Board will check with Berkshire County Retirement as to the correct procedure for an elected official concerning County Retirement. Our tax collector was not offered Berkshire County Retirement when elected and she states she should have been and the Town made an error.

Meeting adjourned 9:58 PM.



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Christopher Johnson, Acting Chairman



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Gerard Miller, Clerk

*Absent*

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Peter Curtin, Chairman

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN / BOARD OF HEALTH**

Date: February 24, 2015

TIME - \_\_\_\_\_ NAME- \_\_\_\_\_

Lester Beebe

Tom Cargity Valley Roloffs

Jim Consalat

Torrio Palmer

Maggie Howard

Nini Gilder

# Town of Tyringham



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February 19, 2015

MIIA Property & Casualty

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The Town of Tyringham has received a letter of presentment from Commerce Insurance for an accident in Tyringham on January 12, 2015. They claim this accident is our Town Highway drivers responsibility, his name is Noah Choquette.

Commerce Insurance states- Noah Choquette "our driver" slid down a hill (this is on Jerusalem Road) on wrong side of the road hitting Commerce's insured's Mr. Alexis Lovato Snyder. The following pages were attached to Commerce's letter.

Town of Tyringham, Noah Choquette states (FYI – Noah did not fill out an accident report). Mr. Snyder was **parked** in the middle of the road with his dog running around his vehicle, on a corner, on a hill in an ice storm and he was not stuck. Noah was driving our vehicle #10 Mac Truck. This road is a narrow dirt road and Mr. Snyder shouldn't have been where he was.

Please contact the Selectmen's Office should you need further information.

Sincerely,

Molly Curtin-Schaefer, Town Administrator

APPROVAL BY SELECTMEN

We, the undersigned members of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Tyringham, being duly sworn, certify that the following is a true copy of the vote taken by this Board of Selectmen at its duly called public meeting on February 24, 2015, 2015 and that said vote has not been rescinded.

Voted to approve the Conservation Restriction to Berkshire Natural Resources Council, Inc. over land of David Thompson Challinor, off \_\_\_\_\_ Road in Tyringham, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 184, Section 32.

Subscribed and sworn to this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015.

[Signature]  
Chairman, Board of Selectmen

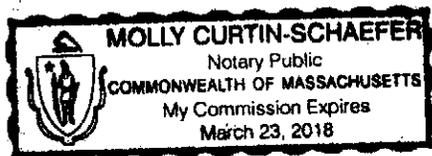
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Selectman

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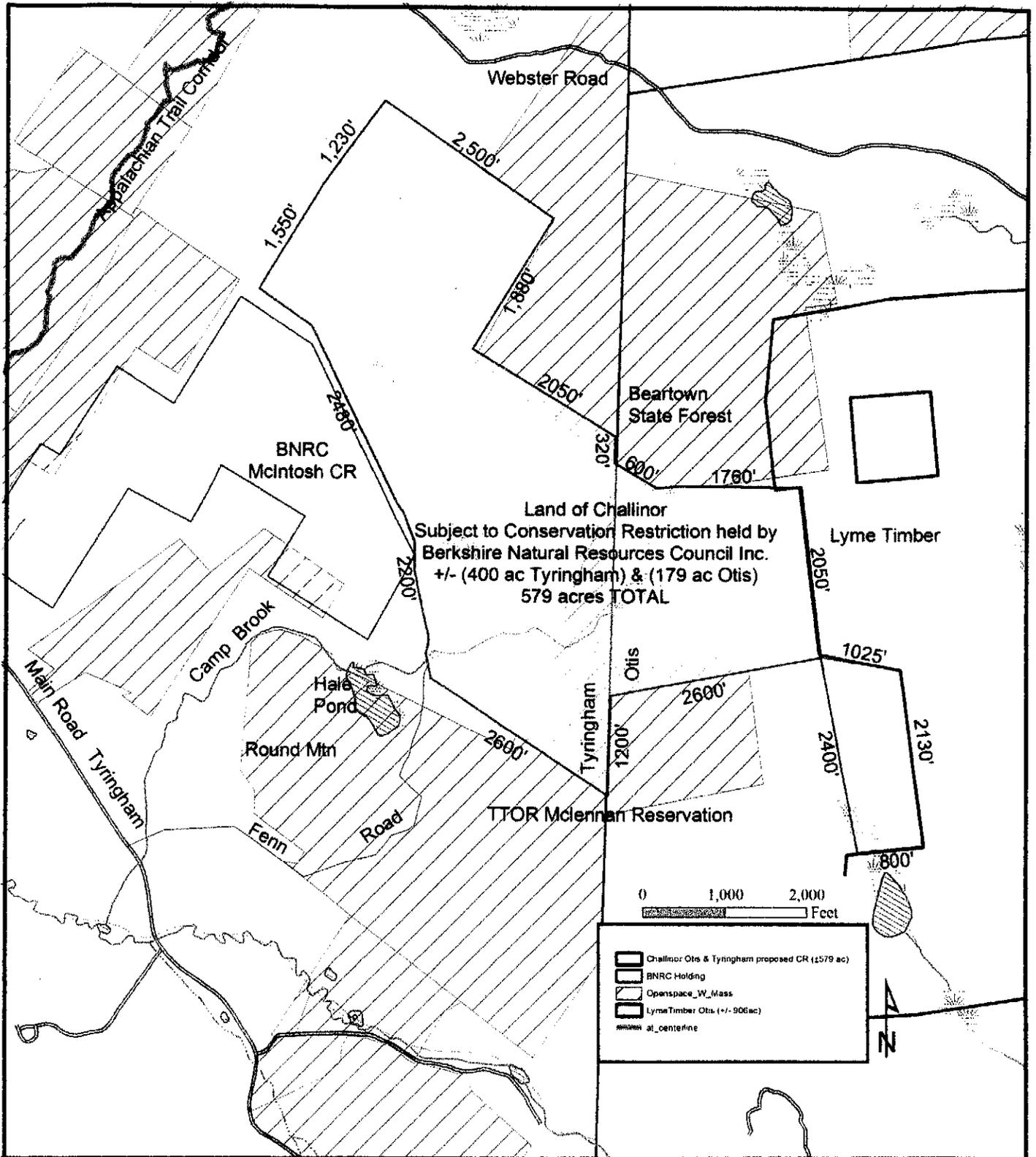
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BERKSHIRE, ss. February 24, 2015

Then personally appeared before me the above-named Christopher Johnson and Gerard Miller and proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which was Personally Known, to be the persons whose names are signed on the document and acknowledged to me that they signed it voluntarily as the Select Board of the Town of Tyringham, for its stated purpose.



[Signature]  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires:



1:20,000

### Challinor proposed CR (+/- 579 ac)

Mass State Plane Projection

Tyringham & Otis, MA

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Data from Mass GIS and BNRC

Not to be used for conveyance.

