

Board of Selectmen Meeting - Tuesday, June 10, 2014. 7:15 p.m.
116 Main Road, Tyringham

Present-- Christopher Johnson, Peter Curtin.

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

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

113 & 113A Main Road

Linda Tvrdy was in to discuss the wood, cars, tires and debris that Ken Jones has on her property and all around his property. Ms. Tvrdy submitted photos (attached) and asked the Selectmen to put external pressure and deadlines on Mr. Jones to clean up the area. She stated she has tried to work with Mr. Jones for many year's regarding this issue, however, nothing changes. Ken Jones agreed with Ms. Tvrdy on this issue and stated he has started hauling cars out and will continue. He will have all wood removed and clean up this area by the end of June 2014. The Board will meet with both parties July 8, 2014 for an inspection to see that all cars, tires and appliances are removed.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION:

Christopher Johnson made a motion to reject all bids for the Cemetery Fence, Peter Curtin seconded, no opposition.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Holian was in to discuss the hiring of 2 part time police officers. A discussion ensued regarding these positions. It was agreed to hire fully qualified officers for up to 16 hours extra per week of patrol. Molly to draft an ad for the Berkshire Eagle. Chief Holian asked to join the Berkshire County Law Enforcement Councils Mutual Aid. The Board approved this action, however first, we will review our insurance limits as this agreement requires Police Departments to carry a minimum of (\$1,000,000.), for coverage limits while rendering or receiving mutual aid. We will also review our current mutual aid policies for overlap and ask Town Counsel to review.

MONTEREY ROAD:

Lawrence Krasnoff sent a letter of appreciation for the new catch basins at the entrance to his driveway at 63 Monterey Road.

BOTTLE BILL:

Christopher Johnson signed a resolution in support of updating the Massachusetts bottle bill. (see attached)

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Les is working with Gorman brothers to rectify the Church/Jerusalem Road oil and stone. A representative will be here tomorrow.

Les stated that Bill Ketchen has offered to sell his gravel bed property in Lee, MA to the Town so a Highway Building could be constructed on it.

They are still working on Stonebirdge Ways and George Canon Road.

HIGHWAY GARAGE BUILDING:

Mr. Beamon asked the Selectmen to consider the Fire Company's property for a new Highway Garage. He stated the company owns a few acres across the Hop Brook at the base of the Cobble. A building could be constructed to house the Fire Co., Police Dept. and Highway Department. The current Fire House could be torn down and used for parking. He is looking into a bailey bridge to put across the brook. It would be one lane and similar to the bailey bridge that is near Oak in Spruce.

Christopher Johnson and Peter Curtin agreed that any unused vacation time may be rolled forward to use in July or they may be paid for it.

FIRE COMPANY:

Charles Slater was in to discuss an issue he is having with the local B&B. He is getting resistance from the owner on having smoke detector inspections four times per year but this is what the law requires. He asked if the Town had a policy on this. He asked if it would be okay with the Board to inspect only twice per year. The Board agreed that 2-two inspections per year would be sufficient.

Charles Slater also discussed the fee for inspections on smoke detectors on property sales. Christopher Johnson made a motion that property sale inspections be charged out at \$45.00 per hour. (\$35.00 for inspector and \$10.00 administration fee.)

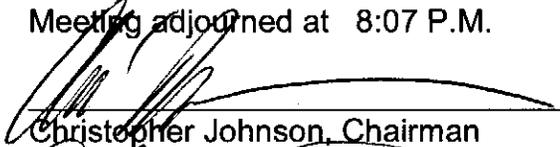
MODERATOR:

Charles Slater stated that the Town Clerk did not contact him to be sworn in as of yet. He stated it is required that the Clerk be sworn in within 7 days of the election. He stated he knew that it is customary that all swearing in is done after the Selectmen make annual appointments, however good governance requires the Clerk to be sworn in within 7 days of election. The Board asked Molly to call Johnny Curtin.

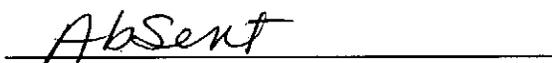
ELECTION:

Norman Beamon suggested election reform should be looked into due to the way the votes were counted after the May 19, 2014 local election. He stated Benjamin Havill was not allowed to watch both sets of counters. Mr. Havill was running for a seat on the Planning Board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 P.M.


Christopher Johnson, Chairman


Peter L. Curtin, Clerk


Gerard Miller, Member

Sign In 6-10-2014

Thomas Stumley

Samuel King

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Charles Slater

Patrick Holian

Norman Beamon Nam Beamon