

Board of Selectmen Meeting - Tuesday, September 22, 2015. 7:13 p.m.
116 Main Road, Tyringham

Present-- Christopher Johnson, Gerard Miller and Matthew Puntin.
Others present - Molly Curtin-Schaefer & (see attached list)

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

STONEBRIDGE WAYS:

Gerard Miller made a motion to award Stonebridge Ways paving to LB Corp. as they are the low bidder. Christopher Johnson seconded, no opposition.

PRIVATE ROADS:

Cooper Creek Road was approved to be plowed by the Highway Dept. this winter season. Lakeside Drive needs grading and a turnaround prior to approval for this winter season.

FIRE COMPANY: The Fire Company asked to use the Town's chipper to chip brush Along the brook. The Selectmen approved this request as long as Andrew Slater or William Roche run the Town's chipper.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS: A discussion ensued regarding the Employee Handbook. Gerard Miller stated they were discussing the following vacation time:

After working 1 year you receive 1 week vacation (or 5 days), working 2 years- 2 weeks' vacation (or 10 days), working 5 years- 3 weeks' vacation (or 15 days) and after working 10 years – 4 weeks' vacation (or 20 days) – current employees maybe grandfathered.

Sick/Personal time is currently at 3 sick days per year and 2 personal days. It was discussed to combine the 2 and increase the days to 10 and they could be used either way. It was also discussed to have an incentive if people didn't use their sick time "just to use it up". It was discussed to possibly roll this forward however, we would have to discuss this with our finance committee. Molly to contact Jim Consolati. Further discussion will be held about these benefits.

RIDGE STREET – BOAT RAMP: A discussion ensued regarding taking Ridge Street over as a Town Road. Noah/Molly will gather information on these items.

CHURCH ROAD: The public right-of-way portion of Church Road was not repaved as Noah Choquette stated that portion of the road was in good shape and didn't need the Road repaved. It would have involved quite a bit of work where Church and Main intersect for very little gain.

The Town will look into sharing some purchases with Sheffield and other towns. Molly/Noah to follow up. The Town will look into sharing financial costs in relation to the MBI with other Towns if our Finance Committee thinks it would be beneficial.

TRUSTEES OF RESERVATION:

Becky Ferguson applied for and received a sign permit for the Ashuntully property on Sodom Road. She has hired Kelly's Package Store of Dalton, MA who holds a 12C catering license to serve alcohol at their next event.

HIGHWAY DEPT.:

Noah stated the huge beaver pond up behind the Farnum property on Barnes Road is completely dry.

Noah has ordered and will install the grade sign for George Cannon Road.

Line painting will be completed on Goose Pond Road, Main Road, and Monterey Road.

Tyringham and Monterey will work together and share costs to fix the town line pavement.

Adjourned 8:06 p.m.



Gerard Miller, Chairman



Christopher Johnson, Clerk



Matthew Puntin, Member