

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

Tuesday, August 27, 2019 (following Health meeting). 7:05 PM

Board members present: James Consolati, Matthew Puntin, Michael Curtin & Molly Curtin-Schaefer. See list for others present.

Mail was read, previous minutes and treasury warrants were approved.

Mail reviewed: FY19 balance sheets, revenue reports and closing documents approved by the Department of Revenue were reviewed. A Free Cash Calculation form was received and certified "free cash" is \$274,751.00.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mark Curtin asked the if the Board would allow an event at the Tyringham Park this Fall. He stated the Historical Society is planning a community event to raise money for the school house. Mr. Consolati stated this should be placed on an agenda as more information will be needed. He further stated the Board voted to take the next steps toward becoming a "Green Community" which would allow the Town to get grants of \$125,000.00 that can be used in the school house for a new heating system, windows, doors, etc. This grant is renewable each year.

Brody Hale submitted a letter stating he is offering to represent the present treasurer and by extension the town's interests with regard to 2 tax foreclosure cases in question completely free of charge. (Morin property off Jerusalem Road and Patterson off Goose Pond Road) The Board thanked Mr. Hale for the offer and this letter will be forwarded to Madison Curtin the Town Treasurer.

Nicholas Felix stated he has submitted a special permit application to the Planning Board to hold special events on 7 Webster Road. He stated hi-end weddings and the like would take place on the property. They will apply for an alcohol license and contact the Board of Health for food preparation licenses. He stated this will have no negative impact on the Town.

LIBRARY: Catherine Mardula explained the Library Trustees want to expand their hours by 6 hours per week to work toward becoming a State Certified Library. This would allow the Library to apply for grants from the State and become a member of the CW Mars Interlibrary loan program. She asked if they could get \$3,420.00 to pay the salary for the extra hours. The goal is to have the library open for a minimum of 10 hours per week in FY20 and this would allow them to become State Certified in FY21. Mr. Consolati stated this could tie into the school house historical room which could become a branch of the Library. It was agreed by the Board to hold a special Town Meeting in September to vote the funds to cover the cost of the extra hours salary.

MONTEREY ROAD: A discussion ensued about making part of Monterey Road a passing zone. The road is going to have the lines painted very soon. Chief Holian agreed that from the Monterey Road bridge to approximately 620' North East was a safe area to make a passing zone. The Board unanimously agreed to this passing zone.

HIGHWAY ITMES: Matthew Puntin stated the bundled Notice of Intent (NOI) for the highway department is on the Conservation Commission's agenda in September 12, 2019. Matt and Noah have a draft copy of the NOI to review prior to the meeting.

COMMON DRIVEWAY – 128 JERUSALEM ROAD: Cynthia Danforth requested a waiver to the requirement relating to common driveways under section 6.6.3. A discussion ensued and the Board of Selectmen unanimously voted not to grant a waiver as the Board does not see a hardship under 6.6.3 H.

BROADBAND: James Consolati stated currently Charter is ahead of schedule. Jim spoke to Charter last week. We want to send email blasts out on our town web site once or twice a month and we need Charter to supply the information for this. We are currently asking for the following questions to be answered:

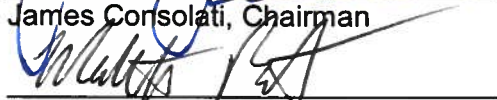
- 1-the estimated cost to hook up a house
- 2-fees and policies to hook up a house,
- 3-packages for phone, internet, and TV,
- 4-the fee to hook up the 4% of town not included in the broadband hookup.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR Molly stated Laura Lee Bertram submitted a verbal resignation effective September 12, 2019.

Adjourned 7:55



James Consolati, Chairman



Matthew Puntin, Clerk



Michael Curtin, Member