

Board of Selectmen Meeting - Tuesday, November 25, 2014. 7:04 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.

LIBRARY & SCHOOL REPAIRS:

Molly & Larry Gould to prepare a bid packet for the replacement of the Library roof and several school house repairs. We will keep the Historical Commission in this discussion. Masonry work is needed on some of the stones on the library this will also be included in the bid.

SANTERELLA:

The alcohol license application was approved and signed for 2015. No opposition.

RIDGE STREET: A discussion ensued regarding the Town taking over this road. It was decided more information is needed.

TAX COLLECTOR: A letter will be sent to Margaret DeSantis requesting her presences at the December 8, 2014 to discuss the hours to process collections and formally advise her that her health insurance has been extended thru June 30, 2015. Gerard Miller directed the Finance Committee to draft her a letter stating the facts of the collector position as they currently stand with the information available.

TOWN BRIDGE: Two grants were applied for this year; 1 for the bridge near 144-146 Main Road the other for Jerusalem Road bridge. Neither were granted. Les Beebe and Noah Choquette had a meeting with the Mass DOT bridge engineering dept. After discussing our bridge needs at length we were advised to hire a firm that is approved by Mass DOT to engineer a bridge design plan for Jerusalem Road. This plan will be needed in the near future and the other advantage of completing this would be if there is funding left in a cycle of federal funds, we would be "shovel ready" for this money. It was suggested that this engineer look at the bridge near 144-146 Main Road and Monterey Road to recommend a plan of action for repairs.

COOPER CREEK:

Peter Shaffer was in to discuss Cooper Creek Road. He asked what the Town can do for plowing/sanding this road. Mr. Shaffer stated he was told the Town is maintaining Lakeside Drive. Christopher Johnson stated the town made a list of item's that Lakeside Drive Assoc. had to take care of before the Board would agree to remove snow and Ice, then this was voted at the annual town meeting. The board was surprised Cooper Creek Road Assoc. did not come to the Town before now. Gerard

Miller stated Lakeside Drive can no longer be posted as a private way. Mr. Shaffer is to contact the highway dept. when there is no snow on the road so a list of work/improvements can be drawn up prior to the highway dept. removing snow and ice, this would need approval at the Annual Town Meeting.

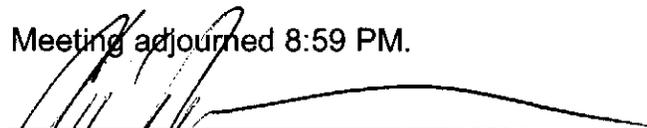
LAKESIDE DRIVE: Noah Choquette asked about plowing Lakeside Drive this winter season. There is a large rock that sticks out in the road that has not been removed, it is difficult to plow as it protrudes approx. six inches. Grading Lakeside Drive is not part of the agreement that was approved.

Gerard Miller requested that Lakeside Drive be put on notice that some conditions have not been met, and because it is so late in the season, we will plow this road and the association should cover the rock up in the next week or two so it can be plowed. Noah stated the material on this rock is not ideal but will make it easier to plow. Noah Choquette was asked by the Board to speak with Joe Janis regarding this "rock" issue.

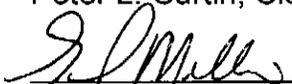
BROADBAND: Christopher Johnson attended a Massachusetts Broadband/Wired West meeting. Tonio Palmer attended as well. Chris explained what was being proposed with the "last mile" hook up to residences for internet service. The Board agreed to a non-binding resolution in support of the cooperative initiative to construct and operate a regional "fiber to the home" broadband network which will serve substantially all premises in the Town. Molly to send a copy to Town Counsel for his approval.

STREET LIGHT: Larry Bravo & Jim Curtin asked to have the light between their houses turned off. The Board approved this; Molly to call WMECO. The highway department will complete a survey on street lights in Town.

Meeting adjourned 8:59 PM.


Christopher Johnson, Chairman

Absent
Peter L. Curtin, Clerk


Gerard Miller, Member

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Board of Health + Board of Selectmen

Time

Name:

Terris Palmer

Don Bunting

~~Anna Mansala~~

Noah Choquette

Peter Shaffer

48 Cooper Creek

Jim Carter

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Resolution voted and approved at the Selectmen's meeting on November 25,2014

RESOLVED: The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Tyringham hereby confirms its intent to continue to support the Wired West cooperative initiative to construct and operate a regional "fiber to the home" broadband network which will serve substantially all premises in the Town. As an important step in the process, we are prepared to work with appropriate Town officials and committees to seek formal approval of a general obligation bond issue at a Town Meeting in the Spring of 2015 in an amount sufficient to pay the Town's share of the regional network. We understand that preliminary projections show that the principal amount of the Town's bond issue will be in the range of approximately \$ 0.4M to \$ 0.7M. Further, we acknowledge that the business model for operating the regional network is subject to significant risks and the Town of Tyringham may ultimately be responsible for its share of network operating costs. Finally, we understand and expect that the Massachusetts Broadband Institute, in reliance on this resolution and similar resolutions of other towns in the region, will continue to expend significant resources to further develop design, engineering, construction and financing plans for the Wired West regional initiative.