

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

Tuesday, December 12, 2017 (following Health meeting). 6:10PM

Board members present: James Consolati, Matthew Puntin, Michael Curtin & Molly Curtin-Schaefer. See attached sign in sheet for others present.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Mark Curtin asked if the Board received the District Local Technical Assistance grant application. James Consolati will review the application and submit a proposal for the Board. This grant is in relation to obtaining funds to create a master plan for the Town. Unanimously approved by the Board.
- Mark Curtin asked if the Board had any interest in trading Donald Hale and Alice Hale the stone basin in the center of town for old weights/measurers from the Town. The large stone basin is from "cold water springs" in Lee, MA and was given to the town by Donald Bernard. The board asked Mr. Curtin to report back with more details about the weights/measurers.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Noah Choquette, Highway Superintendent

- After a discussion about options for a container of sand to be placed at the corner of Goose Pond Road and Webster Road, James Consolati made a motion and Matthew Puntin seconded, to place a tarp in that area with sand on it and a tarp to cover the pile.
- Michael Curtin made a motion to approve that the Highway Dept. dump a load of driveway mix and spread/blend it to alleviate a 6" drop off of Goose Pond Road/near Cooper Creek Road. James Consolati seconded.
- A discussion ensued regarding lending the Town of Sandisfield a truck as their DPW building burnt to the ground and every piece of equipment in it is a total loss. More information will be gathered.
- Noah Choquette asked if town employees could purchase a Transfer Station permit allowing them to dispose of their trash in Tyringham. Matthew Puntin made a motion that full time town employees who live out of town, may have the option to purchase and dispose trash at the Tyringham Transfer Station.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION: Matthew Puntin, Chairman

- Matthew Puntin reported to the Selectmen that the Tyringham Conservation Commission received a letter from Susan Schinder. A fence was constructed between her property at (63D Goose Pond Road) and 63C Goose Pond Road. She asked that the Conservation Commission put on record that she does not approve of the fence as constructed. The property at 63C Goose Pond Road was surveyed and a building permit was issued to construct this fence. Mr. Puntin stated under Conservation Commission rules this fence is an exempt minor activity.

UBU THEATER – Ann Gallo

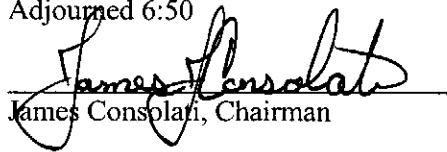
- Mrs. Gallo requested permission to hold an acting workshop on Thursday's at the Town Hall. A discussion ensued and it was decided that there would be no charge for this activity. Upstairs is not heated in the winter and the building should be left as found as far as cleanup is concerned. A current certificate of insurance shall be on file. There are 8 participants involved to date and she is hoping to gather a few more from Tyringham. Michael Curtin made a motion to approve this request, James Consolati seconded, no opposition.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- The town will look into purchasing fire proof file cabinet's for all town records. We would need approximately 12.
- Molly to contact the Public Access Board in relation to the disrepair of the Goose Pond Boat Ramp.
- A sign permit was unanimously approved for Byron Renderer of 161 Main Road.

EVERSOURCE RATES / ELECTRICAL AGGREGATION: Due to very competitive pricing for electricity, the Board voted not to renegotiate for electrical power thru the Berkshire Aggregation program. This means that with the January 2018 meter reads, **all residents** will automatically be switched from Hampshire Power to Eversource. Residents can choose to obtain power thru another supplier if they would like. Different suppliers and rates can be researched on: *energyswitchma.gov*. We will post a notice about this change.

Adjourned 6:50


James Consolati, Chairman

Matthew Puntin, Clerk


Michael Curtin, Member

BOARD OF SELECTMEN / BOARD OF HEALTH

Date: December 12, 2017

Time :

Name:

6:00

Noah Choquette

6:00

Mark Carter