

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

Tuesday, September 26, 2017 (following Health meeting)

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

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

NO PUBLIC COMMENT:

CHARTER LICENSE:

The Board of Selectmen held a meeting on September 5, 2017 to discuss Charter's proposal to the Town for internet. A public hearing was held on September 23, 2017 for residents to voice concerns about the proposal. 8 residents attended the public hearing. The system will be a hybrid/fiber combination that Charter is proposing, and the MBI negotiated. The lowest speed is 60 down and 4 up which will be more than plenty of internet for residents. A report from Tyringham will be sent to the DTC, Department of Telecommunications and Cable after the license is issued to Charter.

James Consolati made a motion to issue the cable television license as proposed, Matthew Puntin, Seconded, no opposition. James Consolati further stated that the Lt. Governor Karyn Polito was in Tyringham today to discuss how broadband will help Tyringham and its residents. It was a very positive visit and the Governor's Office is putting pressure on Verizon to complete the "pole ready" work as soon as possible.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Holian was asked about appointing another officer. Chief Holian stated Mr. Havill just finished the academy and former resident of Tyringham and he felt Mr. Havill would be a good fit for Tyringham. James Consolati asked if he would only be working "details. Chief Holian stated that once he is trained and certified thru the town Mr. Havill will work as reserve part time officer in the cruiser. He will cover for vacations, sick days and the like.

Matthew Puntin asked about Vicki Sorrentino, Joe Delmolino and Don Hopkin's status as they don't work in the cruiser. Chief Holian stated Officer Sorrentino is busy on weekends with her own business, Officer Delmolino is a traffic detail officer and he has never asked Officer Hopkins to work in Tyringham because he is a full-time officer in Stockbridge, however he has not resigned from the department. James Consolati made a motion to appoint Alan Havill as part time police officer. Matthew Puntin seconded.

MONTEREY ROAD DRY HYDRANT

James Consolati stated Charles Slater asked that a "dry hydrant" be installed when the Monterey Road bridge work is completed. This should be discussed with the MassDOT as the plans are currently being drawn up.

Selectman Michael Curtin arrived at the meeting (late due to work issues)

SPECIFICATIONS FOR TOWN ROADS

James Consolati stated the town should have specifications on file for taking over private roads. If the Town has none, one should be drawn up. Unanimous.

RIDGE STREET:

Michael Curtin asked that a letter be sent to the residents along Ridge Street to see if there is support for the Town taking this road over. Town Counsel will be consulted to see if a deed

restriction could be drawn up allowing the “no parking” signs to remain.

James Consolati made motion to send letters regarding the Town taking Ridge Street over as a Town owned road, no opposition.

LIBRARY INSULATION:

James Consolati stated the Town owns approximately \$7,000 worth of insulation that was not used on the library. This insulation is not suitable for the inside of the Library and could not be used on the roof as it would have made a very unsightly “muffin top” to the tile roof. The job is complete and final billing submitted. It was agreed that the Town will store the insulation at the transfer station until we can sell it or use it on another project. Matthew Puntin made a motion to make final payment, return the bid deposit and take insulation back.

No opposition.

VERIZON POLE HEARING:

Petition for Verizon job #1A2F0NU Main Road (after Barnes Road)

The Board approved the pole placement with the adjustments that were made by Noah Choquette our Road Superintendent. Approved unanimously.

SCHOOL HOUSE:

James Consolati stated he is going to get a price on repairs to the School House. He stated we have fantastic collection of historic items that our Historical Commission has put together and they must be protected.

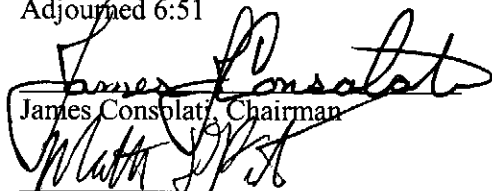
BROADBAND UPDATE:


The Board held the necessary hearings & meetings in the past month. Tonight a license was granted to Charter Communications. A report will be sent to the Department of Telecommunications and Cable. Once approved, Charter will move forward with the “make ready” pole work. The network will be built within a year of the completion of the “pole make ready work”.

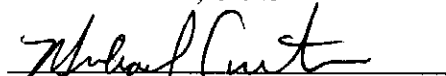
HISTORICAL COMMISSION:

Nini Gilder (speaking for Alice Hale) stated the Historical Commission wanted to proceed with initial paperwork toward getting the school house on the National Register. The Board supported the idea. Heating of the building was discussed. Inventory of miscellaneous items in the building will be conducted by Jim Consolati.

Adjourned 6:51


James Consolati, Chairman


Matthew Puntin, Clerk


Michael Curtin, Member

BOARD OF SELECTMEN / BOARD OF HEALTH

Date: 9/26/2017

Time :

Name:

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ROSEMARY KENN

PATRICK J. HOLIAN

Anthony J Chiaravalloti

Mark J. Curtin

Alan K. Howell

Henry Richardson

CAROL HARDY-FANTA

Steve Zade

Nini Gilmer

Maggie Howard

Vicki L. Howell