

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

Tuesday, October 23, 2018 (following Health meeting). 7:09

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

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

Mail reviewed: bus contract, highway bid forms

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

**ROAD SAND - BID OPEN:** - Road Sand 1 bid received but 3 bids were sent out. Donovan \$16.75/ton for sand \$17.50/ton for sand/salt mix. James Consolati made a motion to accept this bid, Matthew Puntin seconded, no opposition.

**HIGHWAY BID:** Michael Curtin suggested the Town put out a bid for highway related equipment for the year. This would eliminate bidding every job out if the highway department is not doing the work. James Consolati made a motion that Mr. Curtin have a copy of this bid for review at the next meeting. Michael Curtin seconded, no opposition.

**MONTEREY ROAD PAVING:** Noah Choquette stated this project is estimated to cost \$224,000.00. It is \$111,000.00 for cold in place with a top coat of 1.5 inch overlay. James Consolati made a motion to pave Monterey Road (from Main Road to the Monterey Road line excluding the bridge). Michael Curtin seconded, no opposition.

**SCHOOL BUS CONTRACT:** James Consolati reviewed the current Lee Public Schools bus contract with Dufour Bussing. Mr. Consolati stated recently there has been some discussion of cost savings due to the fact Dufour is running a van and not a bus to the valley to pick up school children. The Board wanted to make sure the van had all the proper safety elements that busses have so our children are not at unnecessary risks. A cost savings opportunity may be available next budget session. After a complete review of the contract, Mr. Consolati reported to the board with David Clark's approval (Mr. Clark is the Chairman of the Tyringham School Committee) that no action be taken at this time.

**ASSISTANT ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR:** James Consolati made a motion to appoint Joseph Reynolds as Assistant Electrical Inspector, Michael Curtin, seconded no opposition.

**TYRINGHAM SCHOOL HOUSE:** A list of items was submitted to the Board of Selectmen that need to be thrown away. The Board unanimously agreed the items can be discarded. (see school house file for complete list). Molly to review paperwork to see if it should be saved, discarded or stored in the upstairs office.

**RIDGE STREET:** The Board of Selectmen consulted with our Town Counsel to determine the Town's options in regard to the repair/maintenance of Ridge Street. Without objection from the landowners, Ridge Street has been used by the general public to access the Goose Pond Boat Ramp for more than 20 years. Because it has been continually used by the general public to access a public facility, Ridge Street may be treated as a Public Way. As such the Town can lawfully plow, salt/sand and repair the road as necessary to maintain safe passage for the general public. However, because the Town currently holds no formal written easement from the landowners and owns no adjacent land, the Town may neither alter the current layout of the road nor change the purpose for which it currently used by the general public. This prohibition includes widening, blacktopping and the creation of public parking spaces. The Board voted unanimously to instruct the Road Superintendent to make repairs to Ridge Street as necessary for the maintenance of safe passage, plowing and salting/sanding. We will also notify the 5 residents who live on Ridge Street.

**HAVILL/URQUHART CATTLE CONTAINMENT:** James Consolati explained that the beef cattle were out for a period of time and punting the Town swimming area and path leading up to the pond. A discussion ensued about the cows being out and plans to contain the animals. Benjamin Havill is getting prices to repair the fencing and he will repair the Town pond path and swimming area to fill the holes. Speed signs and cattle crossing signs were requested for Jerusalem Road near the Havill farm. James Consolati made a motion to have our police dept. run radar in that area, determine the speeds that could be posted and purchase signage to be posted. Matthew Puntin seconded, no opposition.

**2 BRACE ROAD:** A discussion ensued regarding this property. The Town had first refusal to purchase this property however, the seller never approached the Town. The Town was going to exercise their right and purchase the land that was listed in Chapter 61. The back taxes have now been paid up and it was agreed with no opposition that no further action be taken on this subject.

**BROADBAND UPDATE:** Mr. Consolati updated the Board on broadband. There has been several questions about Charter and the towns not being satisfied with Charter. The other Town's problems were indeed caused by the town allowing another provider to "cherry pick" the most densely populated sections of town. This eroded Charter's potential customer base and increased capital costs because Charter would have to pay for taller poles to accommodate the second fiber cable. It was confirmed that Tyringham does not have this problem. Charter says that they are much farther along with the construction phase than they were in other towns. They already have all costs estimates and they don't anticipate any problems or surprises. They still can't provide a firm date as to when actual construction will begin because they are still waiting on the pole owners to issue pole licenses. Both Charter and Peter Larkin have assured the Town that all of the construction costs for Tyringham are in order and that actual construction will begin as soon as the final pole licenses are issued.

Adjourned 8:10

  
James Consolati, Chairman

  
Matthew Puntin, Clerk

  
Michael Curtin, Member

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Date: October 23, 2018

Time :	Name:
7:00	Noah Choquette
7:00	Benjamin Havill
7:00	Maqgee Howard
7	Rachel Urquhart
7pm	Vivi MANNIENZA
7pm	Alan Havill
7pm	John W Springstube
7pm	<del>Frederick Freese</del>
7pm	Bill Alka
7pm	Mark J Curtin
7:00	David Clark
7:00	Fajon Robioj BEI