

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

Tuesday, February 25, 2019 (following Health meeting). 6:02

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

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

Mail reviewed: Expense printouts, VendorWeb payment history, Division of Local Services-Schedule A Final Approval Notification for 2018, U.S. census bureau notification.

PUBLIC COMMENT: *NONE*

MONTEREY ROAD BRIDGE: James Consolati reported the following – Our contact Karen Axtell from Mass DOT, Jeremia Pollard, Molly & Jim had a conference call about this project. The design plans will be complete soon. We will need 2 easements, (McIntosh & Slater) We will send a letter of intent and Federal Aid Acquisition guide for property owners. Charles Slater's land has an Agriculture Preservation Restriction on it and more information will be researched. An article will be drawn up for the Annual Town Meeting. We must record the layout of Monterey Road and title exams should be reviewed.

PARK FENCE: 2 bids were received for the replacement of the park fence. All American Fence price was \$46.40 per foot and Berkshire Fence Company was \$55.00 per foot. James Consolati made a motion to accept the bid from All American Fence. Matthew Puntin seconded, no opposition. An RDA will be filed with the Conservation Commission. *FOR REMOVAL OF ANY TREES OR VEGETATION.*

COLLECTOR / TREASURER: A discussion ensued regarding changing the 2 positions from elected officials to appointed officials. (outlined in MGL CH 41, s. 1B) The two positions require qualified people to handle the accounting and finances of the Town. Both jobs have become much more than a simple side job. Our current Collector and Treasurer excel at their positions and both do a great job for the Town. This is NOT to remove any current official, however, it is so the Selectmen will be in control of the two offices in the event our current officials decide to give up their positions. This will require a Town Meeting vote and a ballot question at annual elections.

It was decided to add this to the agenda for next meeting and add the Town Clerk to the list.

Adjourned 6:20


James Consolati, Chairman


Matthew Puntin, Clerk


Michael Curtin, Member