

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

Tuesday, July 28, 2020, immediately following Board of Health meeting

Board members present: Matthew Puntin, James Consolati, Michael Curtin  
Molly Curtin Schaefer, Laura Lee Bertram. Others Present: Peter Schaffer, Joe Janis, Noah Choquette  
Jim Consolati called the meeting to order at 7:12pm

1 Previous meeting minutes were approved from July 14, 2020. Mail reviewed: (a) Diane Saunders of Otis sent the Selectmen a copy of the Letter to the Editor she submitted to the Berkshire Eagle. (b) Sister Niethus from the Sister's Visitation sent a thank you card. Approved Treasury warrants

2 Public Comment: None

3 Cooper Creek Road Upgrades: Peter Shaffer came before the Board to discuss the Town potentially taking over Cooper Creek Road, (currently a private way), as a Town road, making it a public way that the Town would plow and maintain. Matt Puntin explained the process of how sub-division roads go from being private to public. Jim Consolati added that the road would need a turnaround to accommodate Town trucks, and potentially some other improvements to be determined. Noah mentioned a large culvert that would need to be brought to current standards. The Town would want to establish a definitive ROW, an exact location of the existing road. This would most likely require a survey, depending on what type of plans already existed for this road. A discussion ensued about who would pay for a survey if it was needed. Jim said he didn't feel the Town would pay for a survey for a road that was not a Town way. Peter was uncertain how the HOA would feel about paying this expense, but he would present the information. Peter asked the Board if this would require all homeowners positive consent to proceed, the Board felt that yes, it would. Joe Janis told the Board that he was there to listen to the discussion so he could bring the information back to Lakeside Drive Homeowners for their own discussion on the same matter for Lakeside Drive. Peter thanked the Board for their time and discussion on the matter.

4 Award HMP: Jim made a motion to award the Hazard Mitigation Plan quote to GZA Geo Environmental, Inc of Springfield MA. Matt seconded. Unanimous.

5. Planning Board Hearing: Laura Lee and Molly updated the Board, letting them know that they are waiting for Ellen to respond back with a potential hearing date of 8/19 or 8/20.

6. Postal Clerk: Jim made a motion to hire Christine Ocheltree as a temporary Monday through Friday postal clerk due to the departure of current staff. Matt seconded, passed unanimous.

7. COVID 19: Molly gave an update on the new quarantine requirements taking effect August 1<sup>st</sup>.

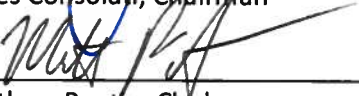
8. Old Business: None

9. New Business: Michael Curtin brought up the danger of Bob Freeman's driveway at 89 Main Rd washing out across Main Road and that the Board has received multiple complaints. The Board agreed that this presented a dangerous situation and that Bob Freeman needed to be contacted ASAP and told that it needs to be corrected by end of business Thursday, 7/30/2020 or the Town will take further action on this matter.

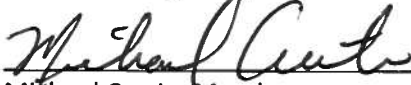
Jim adjourned the meeting at 8:20pm



James Consolati, Chairman



Matthew Puntin, Clerk



Michael Curtin, Member