

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

Tuesday, March 27, 2018 (following Health meeting). 7:15

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

See attached sign in sheet.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

BROADBAND:

James Consolati stated the Town received a fully-executed copy of the Final Cable Television License the Town issued to Charter Communications Entertainment I, LLC. All of the pole licenses have been applied for and Charter is waiting to hear from the utilities. Pole surveys are underway. Within the next couple of weeks the Town should know who is covered under the 96%. The construction phase should start this summer. He further stated new federal funds voted could help the town to cover the 4% that may not be covered for broadband.

RIDGE STREET: *James Consolati spoke to Town Counsel regarding the Town possibly taking over Ridge Street as a Town Road. The five homeowners were possibly willing to sign off on a Mylar plan if the Board could promise to keep it as "no parking" along the street and/or paving. The current Board cannot bind a future board in this respect according to Counsel. The Town will not proceed with this project as it cannot vote to bind a board in the future. A letter will be sent to the five home owners.*

Plowing private roads (article #14 on Town Meeting Warrant) will be removed. The Board of Selectmen can vote to a plow private road if it is "open to public use" meaning that the town's reason for plowing must be primarily for the benefit of the public as outlined by the SJC.

OPIOID LAWSUIT: *The Board agreed to join other cities and towns in Massachusetts in a lawsuit against the drug companies supplying opioids to people. KP Law of Boston is heading up this suit. This will not cost the Town any money.*

DISPOSAL OF SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT: *James Consolati consulted with Town Counsel about swapping a basin in the center of Town for the Tyngham weights and measures with Mr. Donald Hale. The Board can vote a policy for disposal/swap of supplies/equipment valued under 10K dollars. This will be placed on the next agenda.*

MISCELANEOUS:


Community Compact - Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito sent a congratulations letter to the Town on having completed the best practices chosen as part of our Community Compact for our community in December 2015. Community compacts create clear mutual standards, expectations, and accountability for both the state and municipality as together we seek to create better government for our citizens.

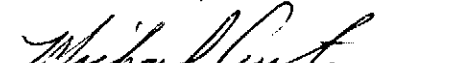
- Mass DOT sent a letter stating they will be surveying the property in relation to the Jerusalem Road over Hop Brook Bridge replacement, T-10-003.
- Eversource sent a 2018 yearly operational plan for vegetation management.
- John Demos sent a letter of resignation as a member of the Tyringham Historical Commission.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: The finance committee presented a revised FY19 budget. A discussion ensued about Elected Officials annual pay. A review of other Town's pay will be reviewed before any adjustments are made. Longevity pay was discussed, James Consolati will review this issue. Annual raises were also discussed as well as health insurance. Some line items were moved to different categories and we still need to get some figures on culvert replacement, bridge scour repair, ambulance service. A Special Town Meeting will be held prior to the Annual Town Meeting to cover the short fall in the School budget for FY18. Revisions to be made prior to the finalization of the FY19 budget. Budget hearings for the Town's residents will be held on Tuesday, April 17 at 7 pm and Saturday, April 21 at 10 am at the Town Hall.

Adjourned 8:57 pm.


James Consolati, Chairman


Matthew Puntin, Clerk


Michael Curtin, Member

BOARD OF SELECTMEN / BOARD OF HEALTH

Date: March 27, 2018

Time :

7:00

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Roger Kotron

Jen Sabinetti