

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

Tuesday, April 10, 2018, 7:05 PM

Board Members Present: Matthew Puntin, James Consolati, Michael Curtin, April Curtin (Clerk)

See attached sign-in.

Mail was read and reviewed, meeting minutes were read and approved, and treasury and payroll warrants were reviewed and signed.

James Consolati opened the meeting at 7:05 PM

### **Public Comment:**

**I-90 Interchange Study:** James Consolati made the group aware that he is a participating member of the I90 Interchange study. There will be an Open House on April 30, 2018 at the Blandford Town Hall from 4:30 PM – 7:00 PM. This meeting notice will be added to the Town Calendar and posted in front of the Town Hall as it is open to all interested parties wishing to learn about the studies and ask questions.

**Ridge Street:** James Consolati brought up the survey mailed to the home owners on Ridge Street. James made a motion to take no further action at this time, which was voted unanimously by the other board members.

**Plowing:** Michael Curtin brought to the attention of the board a concern from residents that was brought to his attention. The concern was the plowing of Fenn Road, Webster Road, and Brace Road prior to January 1<sup>st</sup> which made the roads inaccessible, The Selectmen will remind the highway crew to keep accessible prior to the first of January of each year.

Another concern brought to Michael Curtin' attention was the Fire Hydrant behind the Town Hall. There was concern was that the hydrant was not cleared of snow, which left if inaccessible should the need arise.

**Fire Truck:** Mike let the board know that he and Noah went to look at a Fire Truck for the equipment committee. They have chosen not to pursue this truck, although it met the specifications, they did not feel the truck itself was correctly valued and they would be doing a disservice by purchasing this truck. At this time, they will continue to search for a truck.

**School House Committee Appointment:** James Consolati opened the discussion with mentioning the residents interested in being appointed which were Mark Curtin, Ann Gallo, Nancy Hickey, Lynn Bertelli, Jennifer Salinetti, Carol Hardy-Fanta, Clinton Elliot, and Brody Hale. The group discussed if there should be a minimum or maximum number of members and all agreed that they do not feel it was necessary to make that stipulation. James Consolati made a motion to appoint all members that have submitted notice of interest, which was voted unanimously by the other board members. The New School House Committee members will be notified and will be charged with appointing a chair upon their first meeting.

**Disposing of Supplies & Equipment valued at 10K or less policy:** Town Council Jeremiah Pollard has suggested that the Town Adopt M.G.L c.30B, § 15(f) in light of a recent request to swap the basin the center of Town for Tyringham weights and measures that are in Donald Hale's possession. The members read the policy and had no questions. James Consolati made a motion to approve this policy with was voted unanimously by Michael Curtin and Matthew Puntin. With that said, they also asked that the Town Administrator call Charles Flint to have the basin and the weights and measures appraised. This will also have to be coordinated with Donald Hale. James made a motion to approve this step and the other members voted unanimously.

**Longevity Pay:** James Consolati brought up a suggestion of Longevity Pay. He asked the other members for input. Matthew Puntin suggested setting a set amount but he felt conflicted as the downside is the cost of living continues to go up, so should it increase. Michael Curtin suggested setting an amount but giving the staff member the option of once they exhaust their vacation time, instead of taking that one time pay out, taking it as a week's paid vacation. April Curtin suggested a system currently in place at a previous employer where employees get \$500 after five years of service and then each additional year another \$100. An example would be if someone has been employed by the Town for five years they would get \$500 the first year, then the next year following their six month anniversary, they would get \$600, seven years \$700, eight years \$800, etc. Matthew Puntin liked this as it was a straight forward system. Michael Curtin suggested bringing the staff members together that this would benefit and ask them what their opinions are. At this time, they will not take further action until they look into these options.

**Finance Committee-FY19 Budget:** No members of the Finance Committee were present; however, James Consolati broached the review of the Budget. The members reviewed the line items and made suggestions on moving items to different categories or their own categories. There will be a Special Town Meeting prior to the Annual Town Meeting and further revisions are being made.

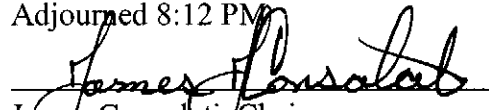
**Sign Special Town Warrant and Election Warrant:** The Board reviewed the two warrants and signed both warrants.

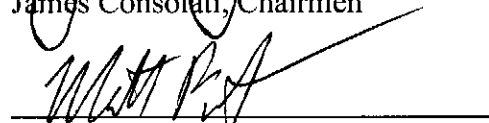
**Bid Awards:** The Board members reviewed the Bid Packets.

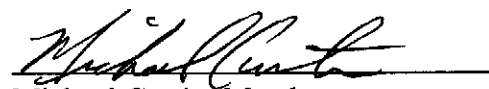
The Culvert Replacement on Main Road had four bids. The bids received were LB Corp., Lee, MA, J.H. Maximillian, Pittsfield, A.J. Virgilio Construction, Westfield, MA, and Wilkinson Excavating. Matthew Puntin made a motion to award the Bid to LB Corporation, which was voted unanimously by the other board members.

Bridge Scour Repair near 142 Main Road. There were two qualified bids, J.H. Maxymillian and LB Corp. Matthew Puntin made a motion to award J.H. Maxymillian the bid which was voted unanimously by the other board members.

Adjourned 8:12 PM

  
James Consolati, Chairman

  
Matthew Puntin, Clerk

  
Michael Curtin, Member

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Date: April 10, 2018

Time :

Name:

7:10 PM

Mark J. Curtin

7:20

Alex Gallo