

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

Tuesday, April 24, 2018 (following Health meeting). 7:10

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:

Noah Choquette received 2 bids on a Ferri offset in-line slope mower. An article will be placed on the town meeting warrant. Noah is seeking a 3rd bid.

Tom Sides of 307 Main Road emailed the Board regarding a culvert by his driveway. This culvert is heaved and asked for more immediate attention. Noah Choquette stated he needs to install drainage above Mr. Sides driveway that will run into a newly installed catch basin and replace pipe going under the driveway which will flow into an existing catch basin across the road. This is in Noah's FY19 budget figures.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION: Thomas Dillon sent an email of resigned from the Commission.

Charles Flint has looked at the Weights and Measures that were once in the town circle and he looked at the current "water fountain" that is in the circle (near the Post Office). He has photographed both and is researching both pieces. He asked if the town could get photos of the weights/measurers when they were in the circle and any documentation in relation to these items. He further asked us to provide information on the "water fountain".

SCHOOL HOUSE COMMITTEE: James Consolati will call a meeting after the Annual Town Meeting to charge the committee with their duties and elect a chairman.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION: Michael Curtin made a motion to appoint Ann Gallo to the commission, James Consolati seconded, no opposition.

LONGIVITY PAY: James Consolati will present the Board with different options for the longevity pay benefit to employees at the May 22, 2018 meeting.

RIDGE STREET LETTER – The Board was unable to satisfy the conditions of 3 landowners on Ridge Street, so the Board will not ask voters to accept this street at the ATM in May to accept Ridge Street as a Town road. A letter will be sent to the 5 landowners. Mr. Joseph Janis stated he feels the line of communication should be kept open because things may change in the future. Mr. Consolati stated in the letter we communicated that we remain open to the takeover of Ridge Street should conditions change in the future.

MONTEREY ROAD BRIDGE - T-10-007- On behalf of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation – Highway Division (MassDOT), Green International Affiliates, Inc. notified the Board that MassDOT is proposing to replace Bridge No. T-10-007 carrying Monterey Road over Hop Brook in the year 2020. Enclosed was a Locus Map, and Project Description. At this time the Selectmen and Noah Choquette have no comments at this stage of the project.

MASSACHUSETTS INTERLOCAL INSURANCE CO:

"MIIA" James Consolati made a motion to continue coverage with MIIA for FY19, Michael Curtin seconded, no opposition.

BERKSHIRE COUNTY INSURANCE GROUP:

As the (BCIG) is dissolving, the BHG (Berkshire Health Group) has tentatively accepted us into their groups based on individual unit location. As such, a vote was requested from the Board. A "yes" vote will provide units a seamless full transition into the BHG. A "no" vote will result in seeking new health, dental and life insurance coverage for the Town. James Consolati called for a vote: James Consolati, Matthew Puntin and Michael Curtin all voted YES. Paperwork will be sent in.

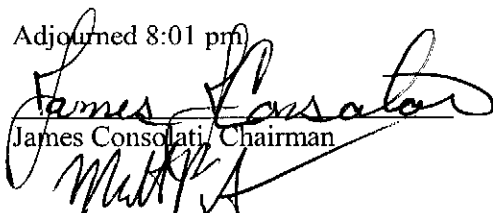
FY19 FINAL BUDGET: A discussion ensued about the final budget changes. A citizen's petition has been submitted and will be added to the warrant. This petition asks that Cooper Creek, Lakeside Drive and Ridge Street be plowed by the Town. (the Town does not plow Cooper Creek or Lakeside Drive because they are not open to public use under the law) this will be Article # 14.

A discussion ensued about the \$14,000.00 the Fire Company asked from the Town as an increase in rent. The Fire Company would like to use this money to make building repairs/construction. James Consolati made a motion to add this money to the warrant however, these funds cannot be used until a new lease agreement is signed with the Town. The Town will hold public hearings prior to signing and releasing of any funds and knowing the full costs going forward. Michael Curtin seconded, no opposition.

SWIMMING LESSONS: Gail Charpentier asked that the Town contribute money to bus Tyringham children to Pittsfield for swimming lessons this summer. Carol Hardy-Fanta stated the instructor does not teach in ponds/lakes, only pools. The funds would pay to bus children for 8 weeks of lessons. Hop Brook will provide partial funding. The Board discussed the money that has been spent on the Tyringham Pool in the past year and would like them to find an instructor to teach lessons at the Town pool. If the lessons are at the Town pool, the Town will contribute toward the cost of the instructor.

INSULATION: The insulation from the Library project will be put back on Municibid for 2 weeks.

Adjourned 8:01 pm


James Consolati, Chairman


Matthew Puntin, Clerk


Michael Curtin, Member

BOARD OF SELECTMEN / BOARD OF HEALTH

Date: April 24, 2018

Time :

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7:00

Carol Ward, Finance

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Noah Choquette

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Mark Carter