

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

Tuesday, October 10, 2017 (following Health meeting)

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:

James Consolati stated Charter Communication changed their design for broadband from a fiber/coax cable to 100% fiber. The licensing and paperwork will have to be updated.

Matthew Puntin stated he spoke to MassDOT regarding installing a dry hydrant on Monterey Road when the bridge is replaced. MassDOT to contact the design engineer so this will be incorporated.

Matthew Puntin stated the bridge report dated September 21, 2017 indicates that the Jerusalem Road bridge is in very tough shape. The deck was repaired a couple years ago but now the superstructure reports 2 of the 6 steel beams need attention sooner than later. A discussion ensued regarding options to replace the bridge or repair it. It was discussed to look into fixing the abutments and plating the 2 beams. We will follow up on this.

Mike Curtin stated we need storage for insulation from the library roof project and storage for our historical artifacts when we work on the school house. He thinks the town should purchase a 20 foot container to be used. He stated after the insulation and school the highway department could store lawnmowers and or equipment in the container to free up space at the highway garage. This was unanimously approved. Molly to get at least 3 prices from local companies.

Mark Curtin asked about moving historical items to one side of the school house and heat one side to protect these artifacts. (The side toward the cemetery). A discussion ensued regarding the problems with heating any of the school house. This old building does not hold heat and the heat loss alarm always goes off. It was decided to contact Glenn Wilcox for advice on the heating issues.

COOPER CREEK ROAD/LAKESIDE DRIVE: Matthew Puntin stated he spoke to other towns about how they handle plowing private roads. Some towns do others do not. He stated Cheshire, MA plows/sands their private road so that police, fire, and ambulance can travel them. Matthew Puntin stated it's a safety concern and he is in favor of plowing/sanding private ways for that purpose.

Jim Consolati, stated it was pretty clear the Supreme Court Justices stated in case law that the requirement "*open to public use*" under the statute means that the town's reason for plowing must be primarily for the benefit of the public, it's not constitutional and the town's insurance company would not pay if a law suit was brought against the town should something happen if the town trucks were on those private roads. A law suit claim would be on the tax rate.

Lauria Puntin asked if sand could be placed near her driveway because of the incline from Cooper Creek Road that is right at her driveway and she and her husband Donald Puntin have pushed many vehicles that were stuck up the hill over the years. People stop at their residence for assistance to get up the incline. Mrs. Puntin stated she has made sure for many, many years that graduates from Tyringham get a scholarship from the Hop Brook Club each year and Donald Puntin has been on many boards and committees serving the Town. A discussion about placing sand at Cooper Creek Road ensued. The issue

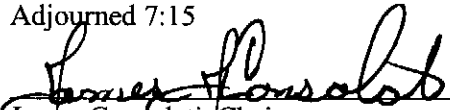
is regulations from the DEP on placing sand on the ground. It was further discussed to possibly get a 15 yard container with a hoop top and decide on a safe location to place the container at Goose Pond.

Mark Curtin asked the board about Tyringham's lack of subdivision standards. He spoke to Larry Gould about various ways to control building and roads. Matthew Puntin stated the subdivision standards are on our web site under the Planning Board information. The Planning Board review's those types of issues.


FINANCE COMMITTEE: No action -

Noah Choquette asked and received approval about removing the Christmas tree near the post office and replacing it with a dwarf tree. The current tree is over grown and was supposed to be a dwarf tree when planted years ago.


Adjourned 7:15



James Consolati, Chairman



Matthew Puntin, Clerk



Michael Curtin, Member

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Date: 10/10/17

Time :

Name:

6:00 - Lauria Puntin

6:00 ROSEMARY RERIN

6:00 Tim RENN

6:00 Noah Choquette

6:00 Mark J. Curtin

6:00 ANDREW R. WILLIAMS