

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

Tuesday, September 25, 2018 (following Health meeting). 7:16

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

Mail was read, previous minutes (9/11/18, 9/18/19) were signed and treasury warrants were approved.

Mail reviewed: MMA Chapter 90 funding information, building permits 451, 455-457.

### *PUBLIC COMMENT:*

*Mass Dot sent notice of a public hearing on Thursday, November 1, 2018 at 7pm for the Monterey Road Bridge replacement, this hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 116 Main Road, Tryingham.*

*Noah Choquette updated the board on the new OSHA 10 regulations which is enforced by the Department of Labor Standards (DLS) and the highway dept. must follow. He stated he will need clerical assistance for the record keeping requirement and funding to purchase equipment that will have to be replaced as outlined under MGL c149 s 6.5. This law is effective February 1, 2019. We will use many of the computer templates that are available on line thru the DLS web site. We will also apply for a grant thru MIIA for some of the updated equipment needed. Noah and Molly are signed up for the OSHA 7500 class on October 2, 2018 in Lee, MA.*

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:** Molly was authorized by the Board to offer this position to the candidate she felt was the most qualified for the position. A discussion ensued regarding the 18 hours this job is posted for. This is less than full time therefore no benefits can be offered. Matthew Puntin made a motion that Laura Bertram be offered this position at a rate of \$22.00 per hour, James Consolati seconded, no opposition.


**STATE ELECTION WARRANTS:** The Board signed all warrants for November 6, 2018 election.

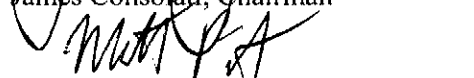
**RIDGE STREET:** Noah Choquette stated Ridge Street has ledge sticking up in the road, it has ruts and water runs down the road. Noah feels in the current state the highway dept. should not plow it this winter unless the Association purchases material (dense grade from John S. Lane) for the ledge on the upper end of the road and the entire road needs to be graded to form a crown so the road can shed water. Nicholas DeSantis respectfully disagrees with Noah's assessment of Ridge Street, he stated it is not perfect, however, it could be plowed. Mr. DeSantis asked why the Town could not dump the material and grade the road. He stated the public is using this road every day and it should be up to the Town to maintain. A discussion ensued about the town taking over Ridge Street so it could be maintained by the Town. Under the MGL accepted by the Town we are only allowed to remove snow and ice. It clearly states no maintenance shall be provided. James Consolati made a motion to speak with Jeremia Pollard to see if he is aware of a provision to "maintain" (ie grade the road) a road in preparation of snow plowing, when plowing a private road is in the best interest of the Town and to see if the town can take over a private road that is 20 feet wide that does not meet our subdivision rules. Matthew Puntin seconded, no opposition. Matthew Puntin made a motion to send the Association a letter regarding snow plowing in the coming winter, the Board wish to have the stated repairs made prior to plowing. James Consolati seconded, no opposition.


**PAVING MONTEREY ROAD:** A discussion ensued regarding the cost of Cold in Place blacktop, Full Depth Reconstruction, patching, and mill and fill of Monterey Road and Main Road. The pro's and con's of these roads (Main or Monterey Road) were discussed. Noah feels the Monterey Road should come first because it is a safety issue, as it is a steep hill and can be dangerous during the winter months. Noah could make a patch to the Main Road near Otis line to hold this road over for a bit. Both roads were close in score from the Berkshire County Regional Planning pavement assessment report from 2 years ago. Chapter 90 funds were discussed. The Town *never* receives enough money for paving and Town funds will have to be used toward paving. We have the funds in the stabilization account (stabilization requires a 2/3 vote from Town Meeting ). Cold in Place paving on Monterey Road will cost approximately \$220,000.00; if milling is not included in this price we would have to add an additional \$23,000.00 and Full Depth Reconstruction will cost \$320,000.00. Noah to look into braking up the cold in place paving and next meeting this will be discussed further so a plan can be in place for a spring job.

**SCHOOL HOUSE COMMITTEE:** Matthew Puntin made a motion to place flashing around the sill of the school house for the winter, board up the window that has insulation in it, tarp the cupola, contact 2 carpenters for prices to fix the fascia that is pulling away from the roof and the south side gable end roof firm boards need to be secured to get it closed up for the winter. James Consolati seconded, no opposition. Noah and Jim will review this project.

Adjourned 9:10

  
James Consolati, Chairman

  
Matthew Puntin, Clerk

  
Michael Curtin, Member

BOARD OF SELECTMEN / BOARD OF HEALTH

Date: September 28, 2018

Time :

7PM

Name:

Mark J. Carlin

7PM

NICHOLAS DESANTIS

7PM

Nolan Choquette