

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

Tuesday, April 9, 2019 (following Health meeting). 7:10 PM

Board members present: James Consolati, Matthew Puntin & Michael Curtin - Molly Curtin-Schaefer. No public in attendance.

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

Mail reviewed: Paving and Cold In Place Recycling bid packets, Final Report of the Tyringham Schoolhouse Advisory Committee, birthday cards were signed.

***PUBLIC COMMENT:*** *Matthew Puntin reported that Peter Rasitti's dog attacked Craig & Kyle DeSantis's dog on Saturday, April 6, 2019. This took place on George Canon Road. Over 30 years other attacks have happened, not the same dog, but the same owner. This is concerning and Mr. Puntin asked what the legal responsibilities / liabilities of the Board are. It was agreed to contact our Dog Officer/Animal Control Officer Mr. John Springstube for more information.*

**DRAIN NEAR 124 MAIN ROAD:** Noah Choquette shot some elevations where the Town's catch basin is and stated if Gordon VanOrman's pipe is more than 40" deep in the ground the catch basin at the corner of the playground could be tied into. Mr. Choquette estimated \$4,000.00 in material for catch basin and pipe and 5 days labor at the most. It was agreed by the Board not to proceed with this plan.

**MASONRY CONSULTANT:** Matthew Puntin made a motion to accept the quote for consulting on the Library masonry work from Mark Mendel of Monterey Masonry. James Consolati seconded, no opposition.

**HIGHWAY BUNDLED NOI:** The highway department is submitting a bundled Notice of Intent to preform various work/repairs in Town. This way the highway department does not need individual permits for each project. Three quotes were received as follows. \$2,800.00 Berkshire Engineering, \$7,000.00 from White Engineering and \$8,500.00 from Guntlow and Associates. Matthew Puntin made a motion to award the scope of work for the service agreement for the NOI to Berkshire Engineering. James Consolati, seconded, no opposition.

**CEMETERY MOWING BID:** James Consolati made a motion to award the mowing bid to Matthew Roche as he was the only bidder for \$17,500.00. Matthew Puntin seconded, no opposition.

**AIR B & B TAX:** A discussion ensued regarding the new tax laws for Air B & B's. They are required to register with the State and a tax is assessed by the State at 5.7%. The cities and town's can also assess a tax up to 6% if the Board wants to and the Town Meeting votes for this new tax. James Consolati made a motion to add the Air B & B article to the Town Meeting warrant and impose a local tax of 5.7% the same as the State tax. This tax will be collected thru the State and returned to the Town thru the "cherry sheets" as revenue. Matthew Puntin seconded, no opposition. The Selectmen will present this plan at the FY20 Finance Committee budget hearing on Saturday, April 20, 2019.

**MONTERERY ROAD BRIDGE:** – No action, we are still searching for documentation on the width of this Road.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS:**

The Town Office will be closed on Patriot's Day, Monday, April 15, 2019.

FY20 budget sheets were distributed to the Board.

The elevator passes the State Inspection last month.

The remaining old file cabinets will be taken to the Transfer Station.

Adjourned 7:55



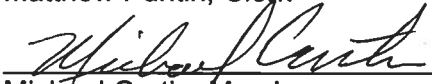
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James Consolati, Chairman



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Matthew Puntin, Clerk



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Michael Curtin, Member