

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

Tuesday, June 11, 2019 (following Health meeting). 7:09 PM

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

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

Mail reviewed: 2020 census update, Notice of Special Permit for the Art Barn, 8 Main Road, Endorsement of Approval Not Required (ANR) Plan Form for 128, 130, 132 & 140 Jerusalem Road. Green Community Designation request and building permit #467.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** NONE

**TREASURER RESIGNATION:** Suzanne Delmolino submitted a letter of resignation as the Town Treasurer effective August 1, 2019. Mrs. Delmolino has served the Town for 33 years. James Consolati made a motion to appoint a temporary treasurer until next election in May 2020, and to post this open position immediately so a new treasurer can be appointed at the annual appointment's meeting June 25, 2019. Matthew Puntin seconded, no opposition.

Madison Curtin was in to express her interest in the Treasurer position she asked to be considered for this job. She submitted a cover letter and a resume. She explained she just graduated from Roger Williams University with a Bachelor's Degree in Finance.

It was explained that Ms. Curtin will be considered for the position, however, the position will be posted so others have the opportunity to apply. If more than one qualified applicant applies, the Board will interview the candidates and make a decision based on the interview & qualifications.

**SWIMMING LESSONS:** Carol Hardy-Fanta requested a port a potty be placed at the Town Pool for swimming lessons, to have the gate unlocked during lessons and a car at the Town Pool for emergencies. The Board will discuss with Noah Choquette our Road Superintendent about the "path" to the pool and Fire Chief, Charles Slater about emergency services.

**FIRE COMPANY PROPERTY TAX:** Charles Slater stated he received a letter from the Assistant Assessor, Evelyn Robinson stating the Assessors office received the Tyringham Volunteer Fire Company State Tax Form 3ABC, for FY 2020 on May 23, 2019. They state that MGL Ch. 59 Clause 29, and stated on the form, this document "must be filed by March 1". further they stated on the form, "if the organization does not file a timely and complete return, it is not exempt from taxation for the year (MGL Ch 5, Clause 3b). Mr. Slater stated according to the Federal Government the Fire Co. is a 501 C3 organization and is tax exempt. (There was a time laps in the government returning paperwork for the Fire co. There was a government shut down and also an incorrect document was sent. However, the Fire Co. has been exempt for years and at some point the law changed and the Department did not know it and some paperwork lapsed. It is all current now, and the Fire Company has paid the Town \$3,184.93 in Real Estate Tax to date and would like the money returned to them. The Board will ask Town Counsel if the Assessors have any discretion to allow an abatement of this Real Estate tax. The Board will ask the Finance Committee for a transfer from the Reserve Fund to return the tax money that has been paid. (William Cosel, Alan Wilcox and Michael Curtin are on the Board of Assessors and are on the Fire Department. Alan Wilcox and Michael Curtin recused themselves from the voting on the Fire Co. taxation.

**SELECTMEN ITEMS:**

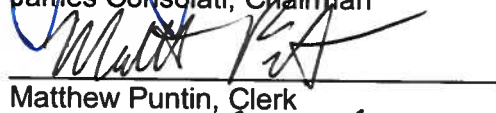
Matthew Puntin drew a preliminary plan for 5 parking spots out front. This idea was discussed at the last meeting. It is a safety issue with people parking on the street and blocking lanes. Molly to discuss with Historical Commission. Mr. Puntin stated if this project moves forward the stone monument would be moved to the other side of the Post Office, a utility pole may need to be removed and an RDA with the Conservation Commission would be needed. Also to be considered is the estimated cost and a funding source. More information is needed.

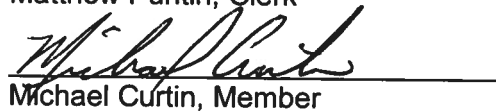
We will follow up with Noah Choquette to see if Berkshire Engineering has made progress on the Highway's Bundled Notice of Intent.

The Board wants to review the criteria for becoming a Designated Green Community and review the pros and cons of this designation to see if it makes sense for the Town of Tyringham.

Adjourned 8:06 PM

  
James Consolati, Chairman

  
Matthew Puntin, Clerk

  
Michael Curtin, Member

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Date: June 11, 2019

Time :

Name:

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Madison Curtin

Charles Slater