

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

Tuesday, June 25, 2019 (following Health meeting). 7:03 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: 2-Letters from the Board of Assessors; 1 to the Fire Co. and 1 to the Selectmen (which are on file), an OSHA report from MIIA-Richard Afrikian regarding the final garage inspection. A letter reporting a PILT payment to the Town and building permits #469 & 470.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Charles Slater, Jr. stated the Fire Company had a tanker shuttle practice. Lee, Becket, Otis, Stockbridge, Monterey and Tyringham participated. It was very successful and there were about 40 fire personnel were in attendance. They were moving 600-800 gallons of water a minute. Water was taken from the dry hydrant behind the Town Hall and trucks dumped the water into pools at the Transfer Station.

ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS:

Annual appointments were made (see attached list). James Consolati made a motion to appoint the hi-lighted applicants as read, Matthew Puntin seconded. James Consolati abstained from approving his appointments, Michael Curtin abstained from approving his appointments and Matthew Puntin abstained from approving his appointments. Michael Curtin also abstained from approving appointments of Mark Curtin. No oppositions.

TREASURER APPOINTMENT:

The Selectmen posted 2 weeks ago that an interim treasurer would be appointed until next election in May 2020. (Suzanne Delmolino submitted a letter of resignation effective August 1, 2019. The Board opted to appoint an interim (as allowed by MGL) verses holding a special election this way the two will have a month to work together. James Curtin inquired about the appointment verses the special election.

Only one application was received from Madison Curtin. Ms. Curtin is well qualified and holds a Financial Degree. James Consolati made a motion to appoint Madison Curtin until next election in May of 2020, Matthew Puntin seconded. Michael Curtin abstained from this vote.

ANNUAL RAISES: A discussion regarding the percentages of raises that are currently being approved and the funds voted at town meeting for this purpose ensued. Matthew Puntin made a motion for the eleven town employees to received a 3% raise, James Consolati seconded, no opposition.

LIBRARY MORTAR POINTING:

2 bids were received.

Champlain Masonry, Inc. Pittsfield MA	\$23,691.00	West Wall
	\$ 8,505.00	North Wall
Galvin & Sons Masonry, Hadley, MA	\$18,520.00	West Wall
	\$10,200.00	North Wall

James Consolati made a motion to accept the bid from Galvin & Sons Masonry, of Hadley, MA, Michael Curtin seconded, no opposition.

FIRE COMPANY: A discussion ensued about the Fire Company being assessed taxes. Charles Slater stated he received a letter from the Assistant Assessor, Evelyn Robinson stating the Assessor's 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 exempted 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 Alan Wilcox & Michael Curtin are on the Fire Department. Alan Wilcox and Michael Curtin recused themselves from the voting on the Fire Co. taxation.

GREEN COMMUNITY: Marcia Poudermaker, Lindsay Crampton and JoAnn Larson were in to encourage the Board to become a "Green Community". A discussion ensued regarding the pros and possible cons of this program and it was decided the Board needs more education on the matter. James Consolati will attend a seminar on Saturday, June 29, 2019 in Sandisfield at 10 am. He will report back to the Selectmen.

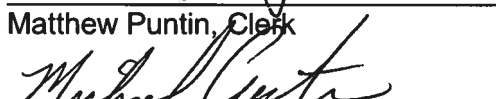
BROADBAND: James Consolati stated it is confirmed the "make ready" work is completed. A final map showing the covered 96% residences and a construction schedule will be given to the town this Friday.

PARK: Matthew Puntin stated a request for determination was received by the Conservation Commission to install a new park fence along the riverbank. The new fence would not need conservation approval; however, the old fence being removed needs conservation commission approval. He stated that of the 160 feet of fence, the first 60 can be replaced but the other 100 feet of old fence needs to stay in place. The town could submit a NOI for further work to remove this old fence. We will consult with Noah Choquette.

Adjourned 7:53


James Consolati, Chairman


Matthew Puntin, Clerk


Michael Curtin, Member

BOARD OF SELECTMEN / BOARD OF HEALTH

Date: June 25, 2019

Time :

6:31

Name:

Mark J. Curtin

Charles Slater

Jim Curtin

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