

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

Tuesday January 14, 2020 (following Health meeting). PM 6:11 pm

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

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

Mail reviewed: Chapter 90 funding notice, MMA business meeting notice, building permit #487, overdue unpaid taxes list, collected taxes thru 12/31/2019, special use permits for fishing and boating access at Goose Pond (events 1/26/20, 5/17/20 approved), Dept. of Agricultural Resources – Animal Control Officer notice.

### PUBLIC COMMENT:

*Tonio Palmer of the Finance Committee stated he wanted to start the process of budgeting for the up coming FY21 Annual Town Meeting in May. James Consolati stated the budget sheets are out and should all be back to us by last week of January. A meeting will be posted in the next week or two for review of the recap from last year and to take a look at the big picture for the 2021 budget.*

*Dierdre Loring submitted a notice from her doctor that she cannot return to work for another month.*

**TREASURER UPGRADES:** Madison Curtin stated currently the Town uses 2 sets of software to cut checks off the Treasury Warrant each week. The payroll annual software renewal is due in 2 days (\$1,400.00) and she can purchase Quick Books at \$1,700.00 which will produce both payroll and bills each week. Ms. Curtin further stated that her current computer freezes all the time and takes way longer than it should to complete her work. She requested a new computer. Both the software and computer were approved by James Consolati and Matthew Puntin.

A discussion ensued about the pricing and model of computer she should get and the pros and cons of each. It was decided that she will look into a refurbished mac computer. She will submit a request to the Selectmen and request funds from the Finance Committee from the reserve fund as this is allowable due to it being an unforeseen issue during the fiscal year.

**FILE CABINETS:** The Town has 2 file cabinets left to sell. In approx. one week the cabinets will be taken to the Transfer Station.

**TREE SERVICE WORK:** James Consolati made a motion to extend John W. Field, Jr.'s tree work contract 2 more years (prices will stay the same, no increased) Matthew Puntin seconded, no opposition.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:** A discussion ensued regarding the projects and budgets for the upcoming fiscal year and construction season for the highway dept. After discussing the pros and cons vs. costs the following were decided:

Transfer Station upgrades will have a budget of \$7,500.00

A new site for a highway garage behind the current salt shed will be investigated.

Fog seal will be used instead of "crack seal" on Goose Pond Road. Approx. 12-16 K.

Approx. 30K will be used to reclaim Main Road from Barnes Road to the Otis line.  
From the Lee/Tyringham town line patches will be made to a few bad spots on Main Rd.

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION:** Matthew Puntin, Chairman of the Conservation Commission stated he received an email from Mark Curtin resigning his position on that board. Mr. Puntin asked that we post for a new member to fill that spot.

**SELECTMEN ITEMS:** James Consolati stated he spoke to Charter on Thursday and is pushing for firm dates of installs and hookup's for internet. It was agreed he will call them on Thursday, January 23, 2020 and get this information.

Mr. Consolati stated that the Tyringham Topics that came out in December of 2019 has the old "Selectmen's Report" from FY19 in it. He did submit the current report for FY20 to them but it was not used.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS:**

Gail Charpentier submitted a letter of resignation from the Cultural Council.

An "All Board's Meeting" will be scheduled for the January 28<sup>th</sup> Selectmen's meeting.

The annual Alcoholic Beverage Control Commissions report was submitted to the State.

Adjourned 7:44 pm



James Consolati, Chairman



Matthew Puntin, Clerk



Michael Curtin, Member

BOARD OF SELECTMEN / BOARD OF HEALTH

Date: January 14, 2020

Time :

Name:

6:00

Noah Choquette  
Sonia Palmer  
Madison Curtin