

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

Tuesday January 28, 2020 (following Health meeting). 6:09 PM

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

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

Mail reviewed: Building permit #488, Mid Hudson data letter stating no more service to Tyringham, Dept. of Commerce – US Census Bureau 2020 Boundary Validation Program CD and forms.

PUBLIC COMMENT: *No public present.*

STATE PRIMARY: The warrants for the March 3, 2020 primary were signed.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER: The Board has to submit to the Commonwealth by February 1, 2020 who the “ACO” is for the Town. It was agreed to ask Charles Slater, Jr. if he would accept the nomination of Animal Control Officer and Animal Inspector. Chief Holian and the highway department could serve as backup.

See sign in sheet for attendance –

ALL BOARDS MEETING: The Selectmen invited all Tyringham Boards and Committees to a meeting to discuss any up coming issues, any updates, also to see if the Board could help anyone with issues or guidance. The following is a summary of those in attendance.

Ann Gallo of the **Historical Commission** submitted a summary stating the Historical Commission will be hosting another 30-year retrospective in the Spring. They have been culling the slides and have a new selection they will be showing to the community. The Historical Commission wanted to register their concerns about any further repointing at the Library. The grout used was poorly applied and the color does not match the existing. They Commission would like to be part of any further work prior to it commencing. *The Board will include the Historical Commission with any upcoming work and it was agreed that the color does not match, we will look to correct the color issue.*

James Curtin the **Emergency Manager Director** stated all is going well in the EMD. They have 1 meeting a month. They work on grants and all safety issues and keep all the emergency trailers updated and restocked. *James Consolati asked if he felt the generator at the Town Hall still needs to be upgraded to handle all the power needs in the Town Hall and not just part of the building. Mr. Curtin stated he felt it should. He has brought this subject up to the Selectmen in the past. The cost to upgrade will be substantial.*

Everett Fennelly the **Veterans Grave Officer** asked for a budget to replace the flag holders / grave markers in the cemetery. We have 103 veterans that some have the marker and some do not. *A discussion ensued and it was agreed to provide up to \$3,000.00 for this expense.*

Mary Garner the **Librarian** in Tyringham reported: In the first quarter of FY2020 the library was open 4 hours a week and the attendance was 410 and circulation was 369. In the second quarter the library was open 10 hours a week and the attendance was 485 with circulation at 442. (Mary Garner pointed out that the circulation for the second quarter included 60 juvenile fiction books that were borrowed by adults, not children.) In comparison, the statistics for the first quarter of FY19 were attendance 381 and circulation 343. The second quarter attendance was 348 and the circulation was 259. Mary Garner is going to adjust some of the night time hours due to poor attendance.

Ellen Slater Gonnello of the **Planning Board** stated they need an appointed member until election. They have issues before the board that need to be completed in time for the Annual town Meeting in May. (Stretch Energy Code, Leash Law and decommissioning of the Wi Spring Tower) *We will post for Planning Board members and the office can give guidance and clerical support to the Planning Board.*

Stephen Baluk of the **Board of Appeals** stated in 2019 the ZBA held 1 hearing for a special permit which was granted. He will choose a member to become the new clerk of the board.

Lynn Bertelli of the **Finance Committee** stated she was representing the Finance Committee at this meeting, but she had only been to one meeting to date as she was recently appointed. *James Consolati stated at the next Finance Committee meeting is February 3, 2020 and the budget process will begin. Jim Consolati plans on attending this meeting.*

Charles Slater, Chief of the **Tyringham Fire Company** stated they purchased a new tanker this past year and Engine #4 needs replacing. (they use auction international when looking for trucks) They are getting very close to building a new fire station. The plans from Berkshire Engineering were submitted to the Company and they met with the builder recently. He will keep the Board updated on this process.

Franck Felix of the **Police Commission** stated there are no issues in the department.

BROADBAND UPDATE– *James Consolati stated Charter is planning a meeting the week of February 10th to: explain the services available, process, equipment needed, standard hook up and special packages available. This meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, February 10, 2020 at 1 pm. We will follow up with a Saturday am meeting on 2/15. The tentative internet hook up date is February 28, 2020.*

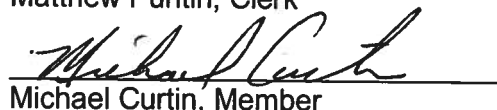
Adjourned 6:45 pm



James Consolati, Chairman



Matthew Puntin, Clerk



Michael Curtin, Member

BOARD OF SELECTMEN / BOARD OF HEALTH

Date: January 28, 2020

Time :

Name:

Edward D. Dargatzis

Stephen Baluk

Charles Slater

Ann Gallo

Alan Butler

Lynn Perilli

Mary Gannon

Jessie Carter

Ellen Slater