

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

Tuesday, January 8, 2019 (following Health meeting). 6:08 p.m.

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

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

Mail reviewed: Council on Aging annual contract, correspondence from the COA regarding the use of the Church basement as a community center, dcr letter with parking pass, Berk. Engineering landfill quote, ABCC annual report, feedback from Stonebridge Ways guardrail installation, Eversource/MDAR public hearing notice on herbicides treatment their Rights-of-Way, bridge reports from 12/11/18 for T-10-002 and T-10-007.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER: James Consolati made a motion to appoint John Springstube as Animal Control Officer, Matthew Puntin seconded no opposition.

SCHOOL HOUSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION:

James Consolati gave an overview of the duties of the SHAC in relation as to how the building could best be used by the Town. The Board of Selectmen will seek an appraisal of the building. The SHAC was asked to submit information they have on the potential uses of the school that was gathered from the overall population of the town by March 2019. The Selectmen want to have an article on the Annual Town Meeting warrant in May. An application has been submitted by the Historical Commission seeking nomination to the Historic Register. The national register is for the building only and not the artifacts. If the Town is nominated and accepts state funds we may be limited to certain construction materials however, if it is town funded it would not be as restrictive.

Matthew Puntin stated he attended a Historical Commission meeting last month and the commission wants to use this building while the above is being determined. The question the Historical Commission asks is what can be done for the short term as far as using the building. (The Board of Selectmen sent a memo to both the Committee and the Commission stating the board voted that all meetings be held at the Town Office, 116 Main Road until the School House can be made safe. This is due to the issues with air quality, water/plumbing problems, rodent issues, and lead paint issues. The Board does not want to spend money on something when they are unsure as to what will be determined for the future use of the building..

Mark Curtin requested access to the School House. The Historical Commission needs to access records and catalog items. He asked about possibly like 20 hours a week to start.

This is the point when Michael Curtin arrived to this meeting.

Nini Gilder from the Historical Commission gave a report of the Historical Artifacts collection and the Commission being bounced around to different areas since the early 80's.

Carol Hardy-Fanta handed out a survey that was taken at the open house at the school. She asked about hiring a company to control rodents.

James Consolati stated the Town needs space for storage of records. A basement under the school could be used for this reason. He further stated no meetings are to be held at the school and the only use should be to access genealogy records.

Mark Curtin stated Josh Briggs, Brody Hale and himself started a 501C 3 organization. This Historical Society is a non-profit and will raise money for the preservation of the historical collection and displays they have.

Brody Hale stated he has assisted in starting several 501C 3 organization which are basically for conservation of historical buildings and artifacts. There is a lot of benefits to a town with a 501C 3 as they can provide funding for the restoration of the school house. Grants could also be used as a funding source.

Mr. Hale further stated that as Chairman of the School House Advisory Committee he plans to hold 1-2 public forums upstairs in the Town Hall to gather more information on potential uses and possible funding mechanisms for the School. At the conclusion of the committee's main work he will have a comprehensive report for the Board.

Matthew Puntin made a motion to get estimates to control rodents in the school house. James Consolati seconded, no opposition.

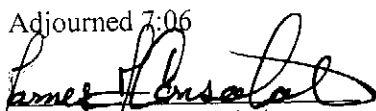
James Consolati made a motion to obtain a professional appraisal of the school house, Michael Curtin, seconded, no opposition.

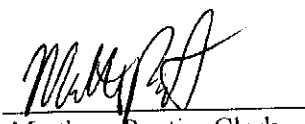
Another discussion ensued about the effects of the school being listed on the national register and possible restrictions of use as well as town residents voting on whether to submit a town building for nomination. It was also stated that if a Town wanted to get rid of a building on the national register that there are ways of doing so. It was discussed that some figures for rehab will need to be determined prior to Town Meeting and it should be decided what to do with the building, get bids and move forward which may take a couple of years prior to completion. It was agreed by the board that storage is the town's biggest need.

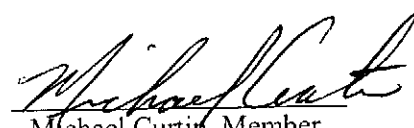
COMMUNITY CENTER: Tim Taylor, Chairman of the Council on Aging asked the Board if they were in favor of utilizing the basement of the Union Church as a community center and disaster evacuation center. If the Board supported this idea, funds may be available to rehab the basement. Molly to ask Town Counsel about this idea.

CLOSED LAND FILL: Matthew Puntin made a motion to approve Berkshire Engineering cost of \$300.00 to complete the annual inspection of the closed inactive land fill at the Transfer Station on Monterey Road. Michael Curtin, seconded, no opposition.

Adjourned 7:06


James Consolati, Chairman


Matthew Puntin, Clerk


Michael Curtin, Member

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Date: January 8, 2019

Time :

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Carol Hardy Foster
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Bill Roche
Mark J. Cutler
Brody Hale
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