

Town of Colrain
Selectboard Meeting
55 Main Road/Town Office Building
5:00 P.M.

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 22, 2012

- Present: Mark Thibodeau, Eileen Sauvageau and Duane Scranton.
- Others Present: Chip Hagar, Sherry Hagar, and Aaron Stevens, Residents; Bill Cole, Colrain Planning Board; Richard Hahn, Hyperion Systems; Kevin Fox, Colrain Town Coordinator; and Tracey Baronas, Town Accountant.
- Call to Order: Chairman Mark Thibodeau called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. He announced two tape recorders in use by the Selectboard (the Board).
- Minutes: **MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to approve the minutes of 2/13/12. Seconded by Duane Scranton. Passed unanimously.**
- Resident Concern: Solar/Wind Moratorium Article on Special Town Meeting
Chip Hagar and Aaron Stevens of Hagar's Farm met with the Board regarding an article on the upcoming special town meeting asking for a moratorium on large wind/solar projects. One concern he had was the length of time it might take to develop and adopt bylaws governing these projects. Bill Cole of the Colrain Planning Board indicated that the board is planning to move quickly and understood that lengthy delays could negatively impact individual homeowners. The Planning Board is seeking other towns' bylaws to use as a guideline in development of town bylaws. The Board recognized the concerns of the residents as well as affirming their support for the Planning Board in recommending suitable limitations on large solar and wind projects.
- Several other concerns were raised generally regarding the proposed solar project including whether such a project is allowable on land in the Agricultural Preservation Restricted (APR) program. Further study and research will be conducted.
- Old Business: Final Approval of Special Town Meeting Warrant for 3/12/12
The Board reviewed the final draft of the warrant for the upcoming Special Town Meeting on 3/12/12, to be held at the Colrain Central School.
- MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to approve the warrant for the Special Town Meeting on 3/12/12. Seconded by Duane Scranton. Passed unanimously.**
- Colrain Central School Green Grant Project Permit Fee Waiver
Joanne Blier, Business Manager of the Mohawk Trail Regional School District, said that the issue of waiving the building permit fees was discussed at a recent school building committee meeting. It was recommended that the towns do not waive the fees as they are already built in to the request for proposals and there will be an approximate sixty percent reimbursement on them to the towns.
- MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to decline to waive the building permit fees for work at the Colrain Central School. Seconded by Duane Scranton. Passed unanimously.**

Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) Traffic Count Program

Highway Superintendent Scott Sullivan has indicated that he'd like to have Greenfield Road, East Colrain Road and Adamsville Road included on the upcoming traffic count program provided for the town by the FRCOG free of charge. The Board indicated that Foundry Village Road might be another site. Information will be sent to the Franklin Regional Council of Governments.

Trash Bag/Sticker Updates

Town Treasurer Leah Coburn requested further clarification as to the upcoming switch from trash bags to stickers. Mr. Fox will research the questions and report back to the Board on 2/27/12. Selectperson Sauvageau recommended that the largest bag acceptable would be the standard 33 gallon size.

New Business:

Time Clock Request

The Board received a request from Town Treasurer/Collector Leah Coburn regarding possible discontinuance of the use of time clocks. Two of the four time clocks in town are broken. Selectman Scranton indicated that although he is in favor of using time clocks to provide an official record, he would support the recommendation. The Board sent this request to the Personnel Committee for their review.

Review Fuel Bids and Storage Issue

The Board received information from the Franklin Regional Council of Governments that due to a milder than anticipated winter, the town may have some residual gallons of fuel on the FY12 contract. For five cents per gallon, this can be stored, and that amount can be deducted from the number of estimated gallons in FY13. The Board was in agreement with utilizing this procedure. Mr. Fox will complete the paperwork and notify the FRCOG.

Letter from the Department of Revenue

The Board reviewed a letter from the Department of Revenue regarding the lateness of filing the Fiscal 2011 Schedule A. If this form is not received by 3/23/12, the last local aid payment for FY12 will be withheld. The accountant advised that this should be submitted this week. No further action required.

Correspondence from MA Department of Transportation re: Adamsville Road

The Board reviewed a contract with MA Department of Transportation for Tropical Storm Irene related expenditures. The figures corresponded with those reviewed earlier.

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to sign the contract with MA Department of Transportation for work on Adamsville Road. Seconded by Duane Scranton. Passed unanimously.

Correspondence from Mohawk Trail Regional School re: Vocational Student Tuition

The Board received notification that there is a resident student who has applied to Smith Vocational School. This could impact the FY13 budget by as much as \$20,000 plus transportation services. The student has also applied to Franklin County Technical School, which would be his first choice. No action required at present.

Presidential Primary Warrant

The Board reviewed and signed the warrant for the upcoming presidential primary.

Colrain Web Site Update

Mr. Fox indicated he has contacted a vendor specializing in web site development. Updates will be provided as the discussion continues.

Approve Community Service Request Form

Scott Sullivan, Colrain Highway Superintendent, has requested that inmates from the Franklin County House of Corrections perform painting on the Town Garage. The Selectboard signed the request form.

Articles for Town Meeting Warrant

Mr. Fox inquired about setting a date when articles for the annual town meeting could be brought to the Selectboard for possible inclusion without petitioning them. Following discussion, the following motion was made:

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved that the last date for articles to be presented to the Selectboard for possible inclusion on the Annual Town Meeting warrant is 3/19/12. Seconded by Duane Scranton. Passed unanimously.

Handouts for Review

The Board was given a draft copy of their annual report for review and correction, and was invited to review the FY13 FRCOG Assessment,

Office Updates:

Upcoming Meetings

02/22/12	Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing	7:00 PM Selectboard Mtg. Room, 55 Main Road
02/23/12	Colrain Planning Board Public Hearing	7:00 PM Selectboard Mtg. Room
02/23/12	MTRSD Policy Sub Committee	5:00 PM Supt. Conf. Room/Mohawk
02/23/12	MTRSD Personnel Sub Committee	6:00 PM Supt. Conf. Room/Mohawk

The payroll and vendor warrants were signed.

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to dissolve at 6:40 PM. Seconded by Duane Scranton. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey L. Baronas
Town Accountant