

Town of Colrain  
Selectboard Meeting  
55 Main Road/Town Office Building  
7:00 P.M.

**MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2012**

- Present: Mark Thibodeau, Duane Scranton, and Eileen Sauvageau.
- Others Present: Tom Pariseau, Charles Lappen and Doug MacLeay, Colrain Finance Committee; Kate Amaral, Shelburne Falls and West County Independent; Scott Sullivan, Colrain Highway Superintendent; Kevin Fox, Colrain Town Coordinator; and Tracey Baronas, Town Accountant.
- Call to Order: Chairman Mark Thibodeau called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He announced a tape recorder in use by the Selectboard (the Board).
- Minutes: **MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to approve the minutes of 04/09/12. Seconded by Duane Scranton. Passed unanimously.**
- Highway Dept. Update: Chapter 90 Utilization  
Scott Sullivan, Colrain Highway Superintendent, spoke with the Board regarding his plans to utilize Chapter 90 funds in the coming months. Several roads will be paved/repaved including Ed Clark Road, Foundry Village Road, and York Road. Drainage and pavement is planned for a small section of East Colrain Road. Several roads will also be re-graveled. This work will need to be prioritized, as the state has not released the new Chapter 90 allotment as of yet.
- He also indicated that there is an item that could be declared as surplus and disposed of under the Town's "Disposal of Surplus Property" guidelines (for items valued at less than \$5000).
- MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to declare a Mack Dump body and a 1979 L9000 Ford truck (sans body) as surplus. Seconded by Duane Scranton. Passed unanimously.**
- Fiscal 2013 Budget: Final Discussion on Budget  
Members of the Finance Committee and the Board discussed recent changes to the proposed Fiscal Year 2013 budget which will require posting soon. Minor changes have been incorporated and there were no additional changes requested.
- New Business: New Annual Reporting Requirement re: Insurance Trust  
The Board reviewed a document prepared on its' behalf by the Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust relative to new health insurance laws. This report must show savings and reasons for remaining with the Trust instead of switching to the Group Insurance Commission plan. The report indicates Colrain saves \$10,011 annually by staying with the Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust plans instead of the state plans.
- MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to accept and sign the report as presented. Passed unanimously.**
- Review Revised Temporary Liquor License Application  
The Board reviewed a new application for temporary liquor licenses. It is much more detailed and requests that the police chief also sign off on the request. .

**MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to use the new temporary liquor license form as presented. Seconded by Duane Scranton. Passed unanimously.**

Review Fiscal Year 2013 Annual Town Meeting Warrant

The Board and Finance Committee reviewed the annual town meeting warrant. The finance committee approved all the financial articles. The Board will vote to sign the warrant on 4/23/12.

Barnhardt Manufacturing Gift to Colrain Fire Department

The Board received a letter and check from the Barnhardt Manufacturing in the amount of \$500.00 for the fire department. Under MA General Law Ch. 44, S 53A, the Board must vote to accept this gift.

**MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to accept the gift of \$500.00 to be used by the fire department. Seconded by Duane Scranton. Passed unanimously.**

Donated Sand/Gravel

Delta Sand and Gravel has donated two loads of material for use on the ball field next to the town office. Town trucks would be required to transport the material. .

**MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to accept the gift of two loads of material for use on the ball field with the understanding that town trucks would transport it. Seconded by Duane Scranton. Passed unanimously.**

Appoint Outside Detail Officers

Town Clerk Leah Coburn requested that the following individuals be appointed as detail officers for Colrain: Michael Billiel, James Hicks, Jarek Konopko, Jason Larose, Christopher Mattson, Matthew Melker, Margo Newton, Justin Roy, Julie Shippee, Greg Bardwell, Gordon Cutter, Clayton Herbert, and Paul Herbert.

**MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to appoint the above individuals as detail police officers. Seconded by Duane Scranton. Passed unanimously.**

Regional Kennel Program

The Regional Kennel program has recently hired a program manager, Leslie Colucci. They are now requesting the Town appoint a representative and alternate to the Oversight Committee.

**MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to appoint Jack Cavolick and Kevin Fox as the representative and alternate respectively to the Oversight Committee at the Regional Kennel program. Seconded by Duane Scranton. Passed unanimously.**

Old Business:

Hampshire Council of Governments (HCOG) Electricity Program

The Board revisited the proposal of joining the HCOG Electricity Program for municipal buildings. They run two programs, one that purchases on “real time” and one that utilizes a fixed price plan over 12, 24 or 36 months. The fixed price plan sets the price the day a contract is signed. After review, the following motion was made:

**MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to contract with the Hampshire Council of Governments Electrical Program using the “real time” option . Seconded by Duane Scranton. Passed unanimously.**

Discussion was had regarding the residential and business part of the program. No action was taken.

Franklin County Regional Housing Program-Contract

The Board discussed the recent presentation by Robin Sherman, Executive Director of the Franklin County Regional Housing & Rehabilitation Authority, regarding updates on the housing rehabilitation program administered for Colrain. She had explained that the FCRHA would like to formalize prior verbal agreements into a contract with Colrain, and she had presented a draft for review. The matter was tabled.

Auto Damage Claim

Shelburne resident Randy Gobeil had spoken previously with the Board regarding damage to his windshield from debris falling off a ledge surrounding a tarped load on a town truck. The town's insurance agency, MIIA, will cover the claim if so desired.

**MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to present the claim for windshield repair to MIIA for processing. Seconded by Duane Scranton. Passed unanimously**

Upcoming Meetings

4/24/12	Personnel/Negotiations Sub.	6:30 PM Prin. Conf. Room/Mohawk
5/01/12	MTRSD Education Subcomm.	6:00 PM Supt. Conf. Room Mohawk

The payroll and vendor warrants were signed.

**MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to dissolve at 9:00 PM. Seconded by Duane Scranton. Passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey L. Baronas  
Town Accountant