

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

MINUTES OF June 2, 2014

Present: Eileen Sauvageau, Mark Thibodeau, Jack Cavolick,

Others Present Nina Martin-Anzuoni and Joe Kurland – School Committee, Nick Anzuoni – Fire Chief, Kevin Worden I Fire Department, Kevin Fox – Town Coordinator, Paula Harrison – Office Clerk.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Eileen Sauvageau at 7:00 PM.

Warrants were reviewed and signed.

Minutes

There were no minutes ready at this time.

Appointments

Nina Martin-Anzuoni and Joe Kurland (School Committee)

Kevin informed the Board that the School Committee was not available tonight and would like to reschedule on June 30th. The Board Agreed.

New Business

Consideration of Removal From Introductory Period – Treasurer, Collector

Kevin informed the Board that he conducted introductory period reviews of the Treasurer and Collector and presented them with a copy of the reviews. Kevin recommended removing both positions from the introductory period. Jack informed the Board that Kris may possibly be applying for another job in Shelburne. Jack would hate to lose her, she is doing a great job. Kevin can talk to her about it.

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to remove the Treasurer and Collector from the Introductory Period, Jack Cavolick seconded and it was voted unanimously.

Revised Proposal for Engineering Services from Weston and Sampson RE: TIP

Kevin informed the Board that this is the revised proposal which has a scaled back scope of services which will not become obsolete over time. It will let the Town be closer to readiness if there is an opening in the funding schedule. The Board discussed the benefits of being ready for the project. Kevin informed the Board of their funding options to pay for the revised proposed engineering services. The Board reviewed the funding. Kevin asked the Board if they would like to proceed? Discussion on whether to move forward with this project. Jack asked if this would lock us into using Weston and Sampson in the future of this project. Kevin said yes. Discussion on what part of the scope of services would be valid for four years? Kevin will look into how long a survey is good for.

Kevin will get this answer for next meeting and get a contract for them to sign. Jack would also like Kevin to look into whether this information can be transferred to another firm and still be valid.

Internet and Phone Proposal Crocker Communications

Kevin informed the Board that updating the phone system will cost the town less overall. He has not had time to review the contract that Crocker has sent and as soon as he has reviewed it he will bring it back to the Board with recommendations. There was discussion on how the phone line worked and that the payback for the equipment purchase would be about one year.

Town Coordinator Contract

The Board reviewed the revised contract as discussed with Jason Ferenc.

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to accept the contract as Kevin Fox for the Town Coordinator, Jack Cavolick seconded and it was voted unanimously.

Not anticipated

State Grant – Fire Department - Nick Anzuoni – Fire Chief

Nick Anzuoni – Fire Chief informed the Board that grants have become available. There was discussion on what this grant was for and its deadline. Nick informed the Board that it may take up to six weeks for the grant to be awarded.

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to sign the State Grant application for the Fire Department, Eileen Savaugau seconded and it was voted unanimously.

Jack informed Nick that he was meeting with MEMA for a grant and these grants are designed to dispense their funding out after October 1st. Mark asked what funding would the Town lose due to the closing of Vermont Yankee? Jack informed the Board it would be approximately \$7,000 per year. Nick informed the Board that the numbers came in for the pellet furnace costs. Nick reviewed the general details. He has not viewed the details of the proposal but hoped to see it soon. He will bring the proposal to the board when there are solid numbers. Discussion regarding the proposed system and the estimated payback time. Jack asked if Nick has had time to reconfiguration the communication room at the Fire Department. He has not but is hoping to get to that soon. He will keep the Board updated.

New Business

Sale of Surplus Property

Kevin informed the Board of the bids that were received for the Mack Truck and the Sander Body. Kevin believes that using Municibid is a best way to sell surplus property.

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to accept the bids for the Sander Body and the Mack Truck, Jack Cavolick seconded and it was voted unanimously.

Old Business

Heath Road Bridge Update

Jack asked if there needed to be engineering for the Heath Road Bridge and could it be funded out of Chapter 90? Kevin informed the Board there would be Chapter 90 funds available for the Heath Road Bridge if feasible.

Not Anticipated

Dog Hearing – MaryAnn Foster

Jack informed the Board that he has been getting ongoing complaints regarding MaryAnn Foster’s dogs. Jack advised to have the dogs declared nuisance dogs. Jack reviewed the events that have lead to this hearing. Marianne Foster has been issued a ticket for roaming dogs of \$100 and he has had a conversation with the MaryAnn regarding this violation. Jack informed the Board that he given information to Marianne regarding surrender the dogs. She has not surrendered the dogs and she now has 3 tickets for \$100 each. Jack explained the current situation and that the dogs are licensed at the Town Office under MaryAnn’s name and are her responsibility. There was discussion on how this has been a problem for long time present and past. Jack would like to give the neighbors, the Coutu’s, some relief and the residents that have complained. There is a hearing set up for June 16, 2014. Jack explained the difference between deeming a dog dangerous vs. a nuisance. There was discussion on what to do with the animals.

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to have a dog hearing for MaryAnn Foster’s dogs, Eileen Savaugeau seconded and Jack Cavolick abstained.

Voted Mark Thibodeau – Yea, Eileen Savaugeau – Yea, Jack Cavolick – Abstained.

Not anticipated

COA Dinner - Contract With The Community Church

Kevin informed the board that this is the yearly contract for the Council on Aging to hold their monthly dinners and the foot clinic.

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to accept the contract with the Community Church for the COA to continue their monthly dinners, Jack Cavolick seconded and it was voted unanimously.

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to resolve the meeting at 8:08 PM, Jack Cavolick seconded and it was voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Accepted by the Board of Selectmen

Paula Harrison
Office Clerk

Eileen Sauvageau - Chairman

Mark Thibodeau

Jack Cavolick

Documents

- Employee Introductory Period Reviews for Treasurer and Collector
- Chapter 90 worksheet for allocation of funds and expenditures
- Email from Alan Nafis regarding Intersection Improvement project
- Letter and revised scope of work for Intersection Improvement project
- Email from Jason Ferenc regarding Town Coordinator's contract
- Town Coordinator's contract
- Letter to Maryann Foster Regarding Dog Hearing
- Colrain community Church – Contract for Council on Aging.