

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

MINUTES OF July 21, 2014

Present: Mark Thibodeau, Eileen Sauvageau, Jack Cavolick

Others Present: Chris Lannon – Police Sgt, Chris Melnick, Scott Sullivan – Highway Superintendent, Ellen Weeks – Personnel Committee, Kevin Fox – Town Coordinator.

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

Minutes from June 2, 2014 and June 16, 2014 were reviewed and signed.
Warrants was reviewed and signed.

Appointment

Chris Melnick – Interview for Consideration of Appointment as Police Officer

Chris Lannon introduced Chris Melnick as a candidate for appointment to the Colrain Police Department. Chris Melnick introduced himself to the Board and gave a description of his background and qualifications. The Board discussed the training that would be required for this position.

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to appoint Chris Melnick as a new officer, Jack Cavolick seconded and it was voted unanimously.

Scott Sullivan – Highway Department Update

Scott Sullivan – Highway Superintendent updated the Board on the Highway Department activities. No Action Taken.

New Business

Highway Employee Appointment

Ellen Weeks – Personnel Committee presented the results of the Interview Committee Meeting held on July 10, 2014. She explained there were three finalists for consideration for the new Truck Driver/Laborer position. The candidates are Samantha Armakovitch, Josh Boyd and Mark Obringer. She reviewed the recommendations of the Personnel Committee and ranked Samantha Armakovitch as most qualified.

MOVED: Jack Cavolick moved to appoint Samantha Armakovitch to the Highway Department as a Truck Driver/Laborer at a rate of \$16.50 per hour, Mark Thibodeau seconded and it was voted unanimously.

Resolution Adopting the Town of Colrain Hazard Mitigation

Kevin informed the Board that the Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan has been approved by FEMA. He explained that this document is critical for future funding. Kevin credited the following committee members; Scott Sullivan, Jack Cavolick, Nick Anzuoni, Jason Haskins, Kevin Fox, Mark Thibodeau, Mike

Freidlander and Joan Rockwell along with the assistance of Pat Smith from the FRCOG.

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to adopt the Colrain Hazard Mitigation Plan, Jack Cavolick seconded and it was voted unanimously.

Request for Special Town Meeting

Scott discussed the need for a Special Town Meeting in order to appropriate funds for a new roll-off canister at the Transfer Station. He estimated the cost at \$7,000 and suggested the funding could come from the Transfer Station stabilization fund. The Board asked Kevin Fox to prepare a Special Town Meeting Warrant and set a date for the meeting.

Consideration of Appointment to COA – Kevin French

Kevin informed the Board that he has received an email from Richard Herzig requesting that Kevin French be appointed to the Council on Aging.

MOVED: Jack Cavolick moved to appoint Kevin French to the COA, Mark Thibodeau seconded and it was voted unanimously.

Letter from the Town of Buckland Select board RE School Transportation Funding

Kevin presented a letter to the Board from the Buckland Board of Selectmen regarding the application of surplus Chapter 71 transportation funding at Mohawk Regional School District. This is a request for surplus transportation funds to be returned to the District towns. The Board agreed to support this effort and send a supporting letter to the School District.

MOVED: Jack Cavolick moved to support the Buckland appeal and send a letter as such to Mohawk Regional School District, Mark Thibodeau seconded and it was voted unanimously.

Resignation from ZBA – Jim Slowinski

Kevin informed the Board that he has received a resignation letter from Jim Slowinski. The Board reviewed letter.

MOVED: Jack Cavolick moved to accept Jim Slowinski's resignation from the ZBA, Mark Thibodeau seconded and it was voted unanimously.

Agreement with UniBank for On-Line Payments

Kevin explained this is an agreement with UniBank for On-Line payments so the Collector will be able to begin receiving payments this fall. There will be a link on the website so residents will be able to make payments by check or credit card.

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to sign the UniBank agreement for On-Line collections, Jack Cavolick seconded and it was voted unanimously.

Not Anticipated
At time of posting

Cash Reconciliation May 2014

Kevin presented the May 2014 cash reconciliation to the Board.

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to accept the May 2014 cash reconciliation, Eileen Sauvageau seconded and it was voted unanimously.

Thank you from Shelburne Falls Trolley Museum

Kevin presented a thank you note to the Board from the Shelburne Falls Trolley Museum for the use of the Arthur D. Smith Covered Bridge for their fundraising dinner. No Action Taken.

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to appoint Mark Thibodeau as the Representative to the FRTA, Jack Cavolick seconded and it was voted unanimously.

CDBG grant for River Street

Kevin announced to the Board that the Town has been awarded the CDBG grant for the River Street re-construction. No Action Taken.

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM, Jack Cavolick seconded and it was voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Accepted by the Board of Selectmen

Kevin Fox
Town Coordinator

Eileen Sauvageau - Chairman

Mark Thibodeau

Jack Cavolick

Documents

- Meeting minutes June 2,-2014 and June 16, 2014
- A Resolution Adopting the Town of Colrain Hazard Mitigation
- Letter to Superintendent of Schools regarding transportation money
- Mass DOR – Regional School Cherry Sheet
- MTRSD – FY 15 Revenue/Assessments
- Resignation of James Slowinski as Clerk and Alternate member of Zoning Board of Appeals
- Agreement for the Provision of online tax and fee collection services through unipay gold