

Town of Colrain
Select Board
Select Board Meeting Room
Town Offices
55 Main Road
7:00 PM

**MINUTES OF SELECT BOARD
April 27, 2015**

Present: Eileen Sauvageau, Chair; Mark Thibodeau; Jack Cavolick

Others Present: Doug MacLeay; Phil Sherburne; Bill Cole; Marybeth Chichester; Rebecca Tippens; Bill Dornbush; Holleran Greenburger; Sue Samoriski; Sarah Davenport; Ken Bigelow; Bill Stanthis, Crocker Communication; Diane Brancaccio, The Greenfield Recorder; David Greenburg, Broadband Committee; Paula Harrison, Collector/Treasurer; Kevin Fox, Town Coordinator

Chair, Eileen Sauvageau called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Appointments: Bill Stanthis – Crocker Communications – Broadband Options

Bill Stanthis presented to the Board the Broadband options Crocker Communications has to offer and Crocker's role in the project. He stated that MBI has made it clear that towns have the option to contract by themselves, a coop, or independent company. There are a few companies that are currently out there that would provide services to the towns. Bill explained the different regional design and build options and how to get started. He explained further that the Broadband Committee would craft a statement, need a town meeting vote to authorize the Bond issuance, use MBI warrant language because it does not lock you into any specific company, then complete and submit the MBI grant application.

New Business: Chapter 90 Project Request/Final Report

Kevin informed the Board that this is the Chapter 90 Reimbursement Request for engineering services for the Village Center Intersection Improvement Project. The final cost came in at \$53,953.15.

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to sign the Chapter 90 reimbursement request for the engineering services and the Chapter 90 final report.

Jack Cavolick seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Chapter 90 Project Request & Engineering Contract – Rt 112 Intersection Design

Kevin informed the Board that this is for Phase Two of the intersection project and is an engineering request for \$70,000. If this is approved tonight, he will send it to Weston & Sampson stamped, pending approval by DEP. Kevin informed the Board that Colrain has been moved up one year for funding 2018. This second phase engineering will keep your placement for this funding.

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to sign the application for the Chapter 90 Request and approve the engineering contract with Weston & Sampson, upon approval of DEP.

Jack Cavolick seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

FY 15 ATM Warrant – Selectmen's Recommendation

Kevin informed the Board that they did not put their recommendations what would they like to do this year. Discussion on the school warrant articles which are on the ATM warrant. Discussion on the legality of the inclusion of preschool in the current district agreement. Discussion on the inclusion of Rowe into the Mohawk Regional Agreement.

Town Center Flagpole Painting/Repair

Eileen Sauvageau said she has had complaints on the condition of the flag pole. Discussion on who may be able to donate their time to maintain the pole. Mark will look at the pole and bring recommendations to the next meeting.

February 2015 Cash Reconciliation

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to accept this month's cash reconciliation.

Jack Cavolick seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Award Bid for Dump Body

Kevin opened bids on the 20th and estimated \$56,500. The bid came in at \$47,595 from ZWACK Inc.

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to award the bid for the dump body to ZWACK Inc. for \$47,595,

Jack Cavolick seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

3 Main Road – Offer to Purchase

Jack informed the residents that the Board is considering making a \$10,000 offer for the Blue Block. Doug MacLeay commented that if the building is savable, it would be the building block of the center and it would be worth \$10,000 to control the center of town. Then you could possibly get a grant to turn it into something. Phil informed the Board that they had purchased the Brick Meeting House because it was key to the town and he feels that the Blue Block is the same. Discussion on the current condition of the Blue Block and what it could be used for.

MOVED: Jack Cavolick moved to offer to purchase the blue block for \$10,000 contingent on the approval at a STM. Motion failed and will be revisited on 5/4/2015.

Request to use Smith Bridge and Request for Release of Funds from The Smith Bridge Gift Account – Catamount Hill Association

Members of the Catamount Hill Association informed the Board that their five-year anniversary is coming up and are requesting the use of the covered bridge for August 1, 2015, for an educational, and cultural event. This is an all-day event and is open to the public. They have looked into the insurance and would estimate up to 75 people for this event. They are also asking for the use of funds being held by the Historical Commission for this event. The request for the funds would cover the cost of insurance, rental of tables and chairs etc. Discussion on the intended purpose of the funds.

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved that to accept the use of the bridge for the Catamount Hill Association pending receipt of the insurance.

Jack Cavolick seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Jack will get together with the Historical Commission and Kevin will put this on the agenda for next week.

Old Business: None

Unanticipated: Town Accountant – Letter of Resignation

Kevin informed the Board that Tracey Baronas submitted her resignation as town accountant. Kevin has contacted FRCOG for accounting services and has prepared an ad that can be put in Saturday's newspaper. He has also contacted Charlemont about getting Accounting services together. There was discussion on why Tracey may be leaving and the challenges of finding a new accountant.

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau regretfully accepts her resignation effective in one month or when the position is filled and the Town will make every effort to fill the position in a timely manner.

Jack Cavolick seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Town Administrator Updates: None

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to dissolve the meeting at 8:10 pm.
Eileen Sauvageau seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Harrison
Collector/Treasurer

Accepted by the Select Board

Eileen Sauvageau - Chair

Mark Thibodeau

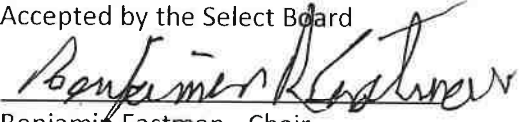
Jack Cavolick

Minutes originally taken by Paula Harrison and typed by Marjorie Smith for approval by the current Select Board members. The current Board members accept the minutes as written on 8/22/2023, for the purpose of putting the minutes on record, as they were not accepted around the time of the original meeting.

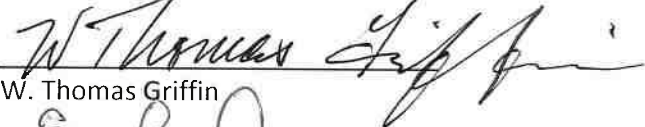
Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Smith
Administrative Assistant

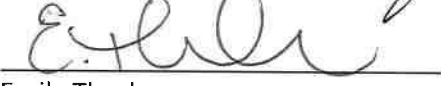
Accepted by the Select Board



Benjamin Eastman - Chair



W. Thomas Griffin



Emily Thurber

Documents:

Chapter 90 Balance sheet

Chapter 90 Engineering services for intersection improvements at Main, Jacksonville Road and Greenfield Road, Colrain, MA \$55,000

Cash Reconciliation Report February 2015

Zwack Inc. Quotation for Truck

Letter from Catamount Hill Association – Funding for Arthur A. Smith Bridge

Arthur A. Smith Covered Bridge Usage Request Form

Letter from The Colrain Historical Society, Inc re: Arthur A. Smith Covered Bridge

Letter of Resignation – Accountant Tracey L. Baronas

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