

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

MINUTES OF AUGUST 6, 2012

Present: Mark Thibodeau, Eileen Sauvageau.

Absent Duane Scranton

Others Present: Joan Rockwell – Planning Board, Beth Giannini and Megan Rhodes – FRCOG, Scott Sullivan – Highway Superintendent, Bill LeBlanc – WMECO, Paula Harrison, Office Clerk; and Kevin Fox, Town Coordinator.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

Minutes: **MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to approve the minutes from July 30, 2012 as written, seconded by Mark Thibodeau. It was voted unanimously.**

Warrant: The payroll and vendor warrants were signed.
Moved: Eileen Sauvageau moved to accept warrants are presented. Mark Thibodeau seconded. It was voted unanimously.

Appointments: WMECO Pole Hearing – East Colrain Road

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to call the pole hearing to order in accordance with MGL Ch. 166 Sec. 22 at 7:03PM, seconded by Mark Thibodeau. It was voted unanimously.

Bill LeBlanc, Scott Sullivan and Selectmen discussed the new placement of the poles. Poles will be moved to widen and place drainage in the road.

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to close the pole hearing, seconded by Mark Thibodeau. It was voted unanimously.

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved approve the relocation of the poles on East Colrain Road discussed in the pole hearing, Mark Thibodeau seconded and it was voted unanimously.

New Business Scott Sullivan updated the selectmen on current road repair and equipment issues.

Declaration of Surplus property

Kevin presented a list of surplus property to the selectmen including some items which could be donated to the historical society. Eileen would like Kevin to see if some items have history with the town.

MOVED Eileen Sauvageau motioned to donate the antique phone, telegraph system and printing plate to the Historical Society, Mark Thibodeau seconded and it was voted unanimously.

MOVED Eileen Sauvageau moved to declare the listed property surplus and to put them out to bid, Mark Thibodeau seconded and it was voted unanimously.

Special Town Meeting

Kevin discussed having a Special Town Meeting on August 28, 2012. There was discussion on the proposed articles. None of these articles would impact the town's tax rate.

MOVED Eileen Sauvageau moved to hold a special town meeting August 28, 2012 to deal with these issues, Mark seconded it was voted unanimously

There was further discussion by Tracey with the selectmen regarding voting to raise and appropriate up to the towns levy limit. Tracey explained several reasons for this and advised the selectmen to do so. No Action Taken.

Appointments

FRCOG Representatives – Complete Streets Grant Update

Megan Rhodes and Beth Giannini from FRCOG presented the Complete Street Grant update. Beth presented a draft for potential pedestrian walkways and on-street parking located in the center of town. Discussion followed on the redesign of the intersection in the center of town to improve traffic flow and create a safe pedestrian walkway. Discussion on placement of safe crosswalks followed.

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to approve going forward on the Complete Street Grant preliminary study, Mark seconded and it was voted unanimously.

New Business

Kevin Fox, Joan Rockwell and Selectmen discuss the foreclosed properties in town. No Action Taken.

Appointments

Leah Coburn/Tracey Baronas – Reconciliation Update

Leah will be closing out this current year and then work on the reconciliation discrepancies. It is a priority for Leah.

New Business:

Leah Coburn – Town Owned Properties

Leah presented several town owned properties that could be consider for auction. Leah discussed each property and where they are located in town. Kevin

will take a look at the Call Road property and see if there is any value there and if there are other issues that may need to be addressed.

MOVED – Eileen Sauvageau moved to put the parcels presented up for auction. Mark seconded and it was voted unanimously.

Tracey Baronas – Accounting Software Change Proposal

Tracey Barona informed the selectmen that we are coming to end of our account software contract. Tracey, Leah Coburn, Kevin Fox and selectmen discussed the pros and cons changing to different software and how that may affect the current payroll schedule. No Action Taken.

Tracey Baronas – Proposal to Switch to Bi-Weekly Payroll

Discussed with Accounting Software Change proposal. No Action Taken.

Tracey Baronas – Establishing Donation Funds for COA and Firemen’s Association

Tracey informs the board that the Council On Aging and the Fire Department receive donations and these funds have to be voted in order to accept them each time they are received. Tracey would like the Selectmen to vote to establish a fund account so the donations can be placed in this account and voted to accept quarterly.

MOVED: Eileen moved to allow the Council On Aging to accept donations from their functions and then be placed into a gift account as allowable under Ch. 44, Sec. 53A. The Council on Aging will utilize these funds to assist with programs for seniors. Mark Thibodeau seconded and it was voted unanimously.

MOVED: Eileen moved set up a donation account for the Fire Department to allow donations to be accepted under M.G.L. Ch. 44, Sec. 53A. The Fire Chief has indicated that he will utilize these funds for supplies and equipment for the department. Mark Thibodeau seconded and it was voted unanimously.

New Business

School Committee Appointment – Nina Martin Anzuoni

Eileen moved to appoint Nina Martin-Anzuoni to School Committee up to the next election, Mark seconded and it was voted unanimously.

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:47PM. Seconded by Mark Thibodeau and it was voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Harrison
Office Clerk

Documents

Meeting Minutes 7-30-2012

Warrant

Pole Hearing - East Colrain Road – WMECo

Town owned property report

Special Town Meeting proposed Articles

Proposed Surplus Property for Sale List

FRCOG – Preliminary Complete Streets Recommendations for Colrain Town Center
With Draft Map