Town of Colrain

Select Board Meeting

55 Main Road/Town Office Building

5:30 P.M.

# MINUTES OF JULY 8, 2019

**Present:** Mark Thibodeau, Eileen Sauvageau, Joe Kurland

**Others Present:** Therese Fitzsimmons, Lynn B. DiTullio, Elizabeth Erickson – Energy Committee, Christopher Lannon, Chief of Police, James Hunkler, Officer, Kevin Fox – Town Coordinator.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Eileen Sauvageau at 6 PM.

**Appointments:** **Committee Update/Green Communities Grant Update**

Eileen stated that there needs to be a process of communicating to the BOS about projects being pursued. The town received $39,000 grant monies from the state with no explanation from either the committee or Jane Pfister of DOER. The committee reported they are pursuing solar projects, focusing on the Town Garage roof. Eileen wants assurance that this would not nullify the existing warranty.

The Board asked for more detailed project information from the committee in order to make decisions a week before a BOS meeting, and to be cc’d on emails regarding potential projects. Lynn will forward all correspondence and information received thus far to the Board with assurance that she will continue doing so in the future.

The Energy Committee will update the BOS at the next meeting on 7/22/19.

**Chief Lannon – Mutual Aid Agreement**

Chief Lannon spoke of the advantages of the Mutual Aid Agreement for the town and requested that the town join. The Board members wanted time to review the agreement and will be ready to sign it at the next meeting on 7/22/19.

**Recommendation for transfer to Permanent Status.**

**MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to transfer Officer James Hunkler to permanent status. Joe Kurland seconded. Approved unanimously.**

**New Business:** **End of Year Budget Transfers (MGL Ch. 44 Sec. 33B)**

The Finance Committee has approved these transfers.

**MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to approve the end of year budget transfers. Joe Kurland seconded. Approved unanimously.**

**Reorganization of the Board**

**MOVED: Joe Kurland moved to appoint Eileen Sauvageau as Chair of the Select Board; Mark, Co-chair, and Joe Kurland, Clerk. Eileen seconded. Approved unanimously.**

**Not Anticipated at Town Meeting Date Conflict for Superintendent Michael Buoniconti**

**Time of Posting:** Joe Kurland brought up a question: should the town consider changing the town meeting to an earlier date in May to avoid a conflict for Superintendent Buoniconti with other towns in our school district and enable him to have ample time at both meetings? To be continued.

**Inclusion Day at Mohawk Trail Regional High School**

Mark wanted to investigate why students who chose not to participate in a celebration of diversity were bullied. Eileen will send a request to the superintendent for an explanation of the event. Invite school committee members, Justin Canaday and Kate Burrows, to the 7/22/19 BOS meeting.

**Town Coordinator Town Highway Updates**

**Updates:** The drainage and regraveling of East Colrain Road continues. Roadside mowing will start and continue through fall, and finish the new truck. BOS members noted that the batting cage support was bent and needs mending, and there are potholes on Dwight Cross Rd. that should be fixed.

**Appointees to the Franklin County Regional Emergency Planning Committee**

**MOVED: Joe Kurland moved to appoint Eileen Sauvageau to the Franklin County Public Health Services Oversight Board. Mark seconded. Approved unanimously.**

**Bridge Update:** There is no word yet from the state for a bridge work start date. Eileen would like to review the town’s Blackboard policy to see if a targeted audience could be robo-called or texted for an alert. Kevin Fox will email the current policy to BOS for review before the next meeting.

**MOVED: Joe Kurland moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM. Eileen seconded. Approved unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted, Accepted by the Board of Selectmen

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Betsy Shuipis Eileen Sauvageau - Chairman

Administrative Assistant

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Mark Thibodeau

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Joe Kurland

Documents

* Appointment letter from Kevin Fox, Town Coordinator, to James Hunkler, dated 9/25/18.
* Town of Colrain End of Year Transfer Request/Approval Form FY-End 2019
* Email from Elizabeth Erickson, Energy Committee, to Kevin Fox dated 7/7/19 regarding Energy Committee documents
* Email from Chief Lannon to Kevin Fox dated 7/2/19 regarding agenda items