Town of Colrain

Select Board Meeting

55 Main Road/Town Office Building

6:00 P.M.

# MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 12, 2019

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

**Others Present** Alan Nafis and Lisa Slonis, Weston and Sampson, Mark Moore, Mass DOT; Ellen Weeks, Sherri Hager, Michael Shuipis, Chris Lannon, Police Chief, Michael Slowinski, Scott Sullivan, Betsy Shuipis, Administrative Asst., Kevin Fox, Town Coordinator

Meeting was called to order by Eileen Sauvageau, Chair, at 6 p.m.

**Appointments: Alan Nafis (Weston and Sampson) and Mark Moore (MASSDOT) Update on Rt. 112/Greenfield Rd. Intersection Project (TIP) and Consideration of How to Coordinate Greenfield Road “Road Safety Planning Study” with Intersection Project**

TIP - The project has been on hold due to rights-of way issues but they’ve been told they can move forward into the design phase.

Road Safety Planning - Weston and Sampson have compiled a recommendation list (p. 94 of study) and the Select Board can make their decisions weighing the payoff of safety, costs, and time for each recommendation.

**Broadband Advisory Committee Chair – Broadband Project Update and Possible Committee Recommendations – Michael Shuipis**

The Broadband Committee has not yet chosen an ISP to manage the Broadband, but they will give the Select Board their recommendation soon. Overall the project is going well.

**Sherri Hager – Winter Road Maintenance Concern – Hager Cross Rd.**

Hager Cross Rd. has not been maintained during the winter since the Heath Road Bridge was closed four years ago. Once the bridge was opened, people in the neighborhood expected that Hager Cross Rd. would be plowed again. Sherri wants to know why.

Scott explained the main reason is safety for all who drive on it, including the plows.

Scott will look at the Town property (triangle) and Hager Cross Road and make a recommendation at the next Select Board meeting.

Sherri asked for better communication from the town notifying residents of the road maintenance decision.

Scott will take the sign down on Maxam Road Extension regarding no winter maintenance.

**MOVED: Eileen moved to plow Maxam Road Extension just past Diana Ditmore’s driveway. Joe seconded. Approved unanimously.**

**New Business** **Approve MVP Action Grant Application and Submittal**

The grant submission is due 11/14/19, which is not enough time. The Town could try again for a spring submission.

**Review and Possible Acceptance of Proposal to Review/Re-Write the Town’s Personnel Policies**

Kevin wants to continue the review process and reach out to a few more possible companies. Ellen Weeks, Personnel Committee member, contributed to the discussion of submitted proposals.

**Discussion Regarding Possible Development of a Town Policy for Disposal of surplus/waste materials resulting from public works projects.**

During the East Colrain Road project, a resident asked for surplus road material and the crew delivered three 10 wheeler loads. Scott asked the resident to sign a receipt for the material. How does the Select Board want to handle waste/surplus materials? Discussion of a Town policy will continue at the next meeting.

**Old Business Approval for Submittal of “Town of Colrain Green Communities Designation Grant Project Narrative: Town Highway Garage Solar PV System”**

**MOVED: Joe moved to approve submittal of “Town of Colrain Green Communities Designation Grant Project Narrative: Town Highway Garage Solar PV System. Mark seconded. Approved unanimously.**

**Town Coordinator**

**Updates** The Adamsville Road Bridge is slated to be paved Friday but there’s more work to be done after paving so the Town will continue with the message that opening date is Nov. 30th.

**MOVED: Mark moved to close the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Joe seconded. Voted 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

Grant Proposals to review/rewrite the Town’s Personnel Policies from Human Resources Services, Inc., Andover, MA and GovHR USA, Northbrook, IL.

Town of Colrain Green Communities Designation Grant Project Narrative: Town Highway Garage Solar PV System

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