Town of Colrain

Select Board Meeting

55 Main Road/Town Office Building

6:00 P.M.

# MINUTES OF November 25, 2019

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

**Others Present** Robert Slowinski, Michael Shuipis, Loren Feinstein, Betsy Shuipis, Administrative Asst.; Scott Sullivan, Colrain Highway Superintendent; Kevin Fox, Town Coordinator.

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

**Appointments** **Michael Shuipis Broadband Advisory Committee Chair – ISP Contract with WG&E recommendation**

After much research, the Broadband Advisory Committee is ready to recommend an Internet Service Provider (ISP) Network Operator - Westfield Gas & Electric (Whip City Fiber). The ISP Network Operator would both buy the broadband and resell it to the Town, create a website where residents could sign up for service, do marketing on-line and through public meetings, manage the sign-up process, installation, billing, collection of money, tech support, services and repairs, maintain the network (hut), and provide the Town on-line tools to monitor the network system.

**MOVED: Joe moved to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement for Fiber Network Operations and Customer Services Between City of Westfield Gas & Electric Light Department and Town of Colrain, Massachusetts Municipal Lighting Plant. Mark seconded. Approved unanimously.**

**New Business** **Request from Colrain Planning Board to a Special Town Meeting (STM) and to obtain Town Counsel input/review of proposed warrant articles (Zoning By-law Re-codification and Revisions re: Marijuana-related issues)**

Kevin will submit a warrant at the 12/16/19 meeting with a STM date of 1/27/20.

**Approve 10/28/19 Select Board Meeting Minutes**

**MOVED: Joe moved to accept the minutes of the 10/28/19 meeting. Mark seconded. Approved unanimously.**

**License Renewals, Package Store - Catamount Country Store, Sines and Malt - Pine Hill Orchards.**

**MOVED: Mark moved to sign the Liquor Licenses for Catamount Country Store and Pine Hill Orchards. Joe seconded. Approved unanimously.**

**MOVED: Joe moved to sign the 2020 Seasonal Population Estimation Form. Mark seconded. Approved unanimously.**

**Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership - Implementation Grants Opportunity Discussion**

The Select Board reaffirms their decision to put it to Town Meeting.

**Old Business** **Winter Road Maintenance Concern - Hager Cross Road**

As requested at the last meeting, Scott Sullivan assessed the area and recommends that the Town not maintain Hager Cross Road. Scott did say that he could shave off part of the Town-owned island triangle, which would make it safer for the Hagers to exit their property. The Select Board asked Scott to talk to Chip about the work the Town will do on the island triangle (when weather permits) and Hager’s sign on the island.

A review of which town roads that will not be maintained in the winter: Barber Hill Road, Maxam Road Ext., South Catamount Hill Road, and Hager Cross Road. In summary, the Select Board, along with the Fire and Police Departments, agree with Scott’s recommendation that Hager Cross Road not be maintained in the winter.

**Discussion Regarding Possible Development of a Town policy for disposal of surplus/waste materials resulting from public works projects**

Kevin will continue working on the policy and vet it through Town counsel for Select Board approval.

**Town Coordinator**

**Updates** The Adamsville Bridge work was completed on time and under budget.

The bucket truck was sold for $9,400.

The Pitt House is moving forward through Probate Court.

3 Main Road - there was a court order for the owner to pay for demolition cost from proceeds from insurance received. Town attorney filed a demand to get the $3,500 from the owner’s settlement.

**Mark moved to end the meeting at 7:15 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

Select Board Meeting Notes

Letter from Tony Contrino, General Manager of WG&E Whip City Fiber to the Town of Colrain

Intergovernmental Agreement Fiber Network Operations and Customer Services Between City of Westfield Gas & Electric Light department and Town of Colrain, Massachusetts Municipal Lighting Plant

Email from bobby Slowinski to the Town of Colrain Coordinator and Town Clerk re: Draft Warrant article Zoning Revisions 2019, Recodification and the Recreational Marijuana Bylaws.

Email from Peggy Sloan to Town of Colrain re: Mohawk Trail Woodland Partnership Grants

Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership – Implementation Grants Dated November 6, 2019.

Public Works Department Surplus Fill Policy Guidelines and Policy from Lewiston, ME, Waltham, MA and Monson, MA

Map of Hager Cross Road between Maxam Road and Heath Road, Colrain, MA