Town of Colrain

Select Board Meeting

55 Main Road/Town Office Building

6:00 P.M.

# MINUTES OF DECEMBER 16, 2019

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

**Others Present** Belden Merims, Police Chief Lannon, Betsy Shuipis, Administrative Asst., Kevin Fox, Town Coordinator

Meeting was called to order by Mark Thibodeau at 6 p.m.

**Appointments: None**

**New Business** **Approve 1/27/20 Special Town Meeting Warrant**

**MOVED:** Joe moved to approve the Special Town Meeting Warrant of 1/27/20.

Eileen seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

**Letter of resignation from Danielle Grenier as Animal Inspector**

**MOVED:** Joe moved that the Town send a letter of thanks to Danielle for her service. Eileen seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Kevin will post the position on our website.

**Petition from Residents of Van Nuys Road to Establish a 25 Mile-Per-Hour Speed Limit**

Police Chief Lannon said that a study must be made of an area in order to reduce the speed limit to 25 mph. He will reach out to Mass DOT in Lenox to see if there are any traffic studies of the Van Nuys area. He noted that if the Town posted 25 mph signs without the law to back it up, any citations issued would not hold up in court. Chief Lannon will report his findings at the next Select Board meeting.

**Approval of Professional Services Agreement between the Town of Colrain and the University of Massachusetts-Collins Center for a Human Resources Review**

**MOVED:** Eileen moved to approve an agreement for professional services of the University of Massachusetts-Collins Center for a Human Resources Review. Joe seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Mary Acardi, lead director of the grant, said they would be able to start in January, finish in March, and have trainings at our convenience sometime between March and June.

**Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes of 11/12/19 and 11/25/19**

**MOVED:** Joe moved to approve the minutes of 11/12/19 and 11/25/19. Eileen seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

**License Renewals; Class II - Marty’s Repair and Mark Scranton; Class III – Mark Scranton, Common Victualler – Pine Hill Orchards and Catamount General Store**

Betsy will distribute the approved licenses, except for M & T Auto due to delinquency of property taxes. Upon receipt of the payment of taxes, the Select Board will be asked to stop by Town Offices to sign the licenses.

**MOVED:** Eileen moved to approve Class II – Marty’s Repair and M & T Auto, Class III – M & T Auto Wrecking; Common Victualler – Pine Hill Orchards and Catamount General Store, with the caveat that Marty’s Repair and M&T Auto’s Class II and Class III licenses are contingent on payment of taxes. Joe seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

**Old Business Draft of Town Policy for Disposal of Surplus/waste Materials Resulting from Public Works Projects**

Kevin’s research and crafting of a draft policy needs more time to complete.

**Town Coordinator**

**Updates** Northeast Paving certified that their work was done and they were in compliance with the Town’s agreement. The last piece of the agreement - the removal of 183 triaxle loads of material replaced with 184 triaxle loads - was confirmed by Scott Sullivan.

The prisoners from the Community Service Program at the jail are painting the Town Office this week and the Fire Station the following week.

The Select Board will be asked to consider three aspects of the recycling contract to mitigate the rising costs of recycling: increase the Town’s budget, remove glass from the stream, which would significantly reduce the weight/cost of materials recycled, and buy a compacter for plastic that will reduce the hauling costs. Kevin will talk with Scott about this as part of the FY21 budget.

**MOVED: Eileen moved to close the meeting at 6.40 p.m. Joe seconded. Voted unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted, Accepted by the Board of Selectmen

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Betsy Shuipis Eileen Sauvageau - Chairman

Administrative Assistant

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Mark Thibodeau

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Joe Kurland

Documents

Select Board Meeting Notes, 12/16/19

Town of Colrain Special Town Meeting Warrant 01/27/20

Resignation as Town Animal Inspector email from Danielle Grenier dated 11/27/19

Email from the residents of Van Nuys Road, East Colrain dated 10/31/19 regarding the establishment of 25 mph speed limit for Van Nuys Road

Letter to Kevin Fox from Michael Ward, Director of the Edward J. Collins, Jr. Center for Public Management at the University of Massachusetts Boston Center along with their proposal to conduct a human resource review, policy recommendations and town training for the Town of Colrain