Town of Colrain

Select Board Meeting

Remote Conference Call-in

6 P.M.

# MINUTES OF APRIL 13, 2020

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

**Others Present** David Nims, Betsy Shuipis, Administrative Asst., Kevin Fox, Town Coordinator

The meeting, held remotely through conference call-in, was called to order by Eileen Sauvageau, Chair, at 6 p.m.

**Appointments Michael Shuipis, Broadband Advisory Committee Chairman - Committee Update**

Appointment **c**ancelled.

**New Business** **Request to appoint Chelsea Jordan-Makely to Broadband Advisory Committee**

**MOVED:** Joe Kurland moved to appoint Chelsea Jordan-Makely to the Broadband Advisory Committee. Mark Thibodeau seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

**Extend the date that Real and Personal Property Taxes are Due from May 1, 2020 to June 1, 2020**

**MOVED:** Joe Kurland moved to extend the date that real and personal property taxes are due to May 1, 2020 to June 1, 2020. Mark Thibodeau seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

**Old Business Proposed ATM Warrant Articles Re: Abandonment of a Portion of Cal Coombs Road.**

Eileen Sauvageau has concerns about the Town discontinuing access to roads as it may not be in the interest of the town, although a town-wide discussion at the Annual Town Meeting could be beneficial.

The attorney representing the family, Donna MacNichol, agreed at the 2/24/20 Select Board meeting to meet at the site with the Town Highway Superintendent and the fire chief to confirm measurements and assess the proposal. At this time, no arrangements for this has come from the family or Attorney MacNichol.

If the Town does not hear anything further, Kevin Fox will not put the articles on the warrant.

**FY 21 Budget Discussion**

Kevin gave an update on budget. Library wants to make a case for higher wages.

**Draft of Town Policy for Disposal of surplus/waste materials resulting from public works projects.**

Not yet reviewed by Town Council.

**Town Coordinator**

**Updates** Telecommunications hut is being delivered on 4/15 at approximately 9 a.m. The Recorder has been notified in hope of news coverage.

Call Rd. Bridge construction has been temporarily delayed at the request of the contractor as they are deemed non-essential under Vermont law (it is a Vermont company). The town coordinator agreed to work with the contractor.

The highway crew is back to almost full strength with 4 of 5 employees. No COVID virus reported yet.

**MOVED:** Eileen moved to close the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Mark seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted, Accepted by the Select Board

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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 - Kevin Fox

Broadband Advisory Committee Consensus on Pricing, Seasonal Rates, Construction Costs

Municipal Relief Legislation Passed by State Legislature, April 3, 2020 Re: State and Local Taxes (Section 10-12 of the Act)

Email dated April 10, 2020 from Attorney Donna MacNicol Re: Chace Articles

Email dated April 11, 2020 from Kevin Fox, Town Coordinator, Re: Alternate Employment Contract with a Reduced Base Salary for the Select Board’s Consideration