

Town of Colrain
Select Board Meeting
Highway Garage
9 Jacksonville Road
4:30 P.M.

MINUTES OF JULY 27, 2021

Present Joe Kurland, Mike Slowinski, Thom Griffin

Others Present Matt Allen, Wes Ritchie , New England Craft Cultivation; Nancy Turkle, Library Trustee; Kaylee Mulligan; Greg Olchowski; Michael Shuipis, MLP Manager; Betsy Shuipis, Administrative Assistant; Kevin Fox, Town Administrator.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Joe Kurland at 4:30 p.m.

Appointments None

New Business **Approve First Amendment to Host Community Agreement with New England Craft Cultivation LLC**

MOVED: Thom Griffin moved to approve the First Amendment to Host Community Agreement with New England Craft Cultivators and MA Craft Cultivation LLC.

Mike Slowinski seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Appoint Select Board Member or Designee to Franklin Regional Planning Board

MOVED: Mike Slowinski moved to appoint Thom Griffin to the Franklin Regional Planning Board.

Joe Kurland seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Approve letter to FCTSD Supt. re: Past payments to FCTSD for tuition of Heath students

MOVED: Mike Slowinski moved to send the letter to Superintendent Martin, FCTSD, as written.

Thom Griffin seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Discussion re: Grant Funding Opportunity MADEP Air Sensor Grant Program

Kevin will contact the Board of Health and urge them, on behalf of the Select Board, to apply.

Notification re: Green River Marathon

The town administrator, fire and police chiefs were notified of the event. As in past years, there were no objections or concerns from the Town of Colrain.

Policy Development/Revision re: Broadband Drop Cost Allowance Policy

Michael Shuipis explained that residents are being advised to sign up for broadband, get hooked up (after using up to a \$2,000 allowance for the cost of the hook-up), and then cancel the service. The MLP board proposes an amendment to the Drop/install Policy stating whoever signs up and takes advantage of the \$2,000 allowance has to stay in the service for a length of time – one year? Michael will send out a revised policy to revisit at the next board meeting.

Approve/Sign Chapter 90 Reimbursement Request

MOVED: Mike Slowinski moved to approve the Chapter 90 Reimbursement request of

\$8,141.99. Thom Griffin seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Select Board Fee Schedule – First review for possible update/changes

MOVED: Thom Griffin moved to approve the Select Board Fee Schedule. Mike Slowinski seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Old Business **None**

**Unanticipated
Business**

Nancy Turkle, Library Trustee, Common Good Fridge

Nancy Turkle related that according to our Health Agent Randy Crochier, the Shelburne Falls' common good fridge is being used frequently and running smoothly.

How does the Common Good Fridge work:

- Food given must be processed in a commercial kitchen. The most popular products are eggs, milk and vegetables.
- The fridge's location will be in the back of the library. Common Good will supply the refrigerator, and two volunteers will build a shelter for the fridge. Additionally, there'll be a cabinet for dry goods, diapers, etc.
- A volunteer will do a deep clean weekly. Food will be checked daily for expired goods.
- They will install a bear latch.

Next Tuesday, 8/4, Nancy will meet with Randy Crochier, Colrain Health Agent, to get a permit.

Questions/requests/recommendations from the Select Board:

- Requested a Certificate of Liability Insurance from Common Good.
- Have you spoken with Kathryn Bosyk about this? Nancy wasn't sure if Chelsea had spoken with Kathryn. Nancy will follow up with Chelsea.
- How much electricity will be used? Is there enough spare power and amperage in the circuit you'll be using? Not known.
- The board recommended finding out how to make a base that is strong and sturdy.
- Recommend that Nancy check with Jim Slowinski, Electrical Inspector, re: running an extension cord through the hatch because it might have to be on a ground fault interrupted (GFI).
- Is there a danger of food freezing in the winter? Freezing hasn't happened in the Shelburne Falls fridge during last year's.
- Recommend that the pitch of the roof be designed so that rain doesn't pour down on customers.

MOVED: Mike Slowinski moved to support the Common Good Fridge located at the Griswold Memorial Library contingent getting the proper permits from the Board of Health and Building Inspector and a Certificate of Insurance.

Thom Griffin seconded. **Voted unanimously.**

Greg Olchowski - dust on East Colrain Road.

Mr. Olchowski reported that there are still blooms of dust coming off E. Colrain Road.

Special Election Warrant, September 7, 2021, Debt Exclusion

Moved: Mike Slowinski moved to approve the Special Election Warrant, September 7, 2021, as written. Thom Griffin seconded. **Voted unanimously.**

Town Administrator

Updates

Northeast IT has given the town a preliminary quote of a \$50,000 capital investment to connect the town sites together and bring it all back to the Hub. Pay back would be 20-30 years. Kevin instead will consider, with Joe Parda, buying firewall software for each site individually, which would be less expensive.

Kevin will meet with Dan Crovo from Gill Engineering to talk about his proposal for the culvert grant. There are 2 culverts on Taylor Brook: under Heath Road and under Maxam Road. We will get clarification from DER if we can spend the money on both Maxam and Heath Road.

Mike Slowinski received an official complaint that Paul Giard is allegedly living at 42 Purington Lane in a travel trailer with no septic or water while renting out his house. Building Inspector Shawn Kimberley was asked to check the property, and the Colrain Board of Health will be notified by Kevin Fox.

Mike Slowinski received a complaint that there is a large man-made trough at 400 Adamsville Road that is a potential mosquito haven. If it's a swimming pool, Shawn Kimberley needs to inspect the property. Joe Kurland will speak with the property owners to get more information.

The Colrain Central School parking lot must be redesigned, but because it's within 200 feet of the river, we need to get an exemption from the Colrain Conservation Commission. The cost for a one-time advertisement could be up to \$75. Kevin Fox routinely run these costs through the Select Board's advertising budget.

Mike Slowinski presented a drawing given to him of the proposed Veterans Memorial Park for the Select Board to view.

MOVED: Mike Slowinski moved to dissolve the meeting at 5:31 p.m. Thom Griffin seconded.
Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Accepted by the Select Board

Betsy Shuipis
Administrative Assistant

Joe Kurland - Chair

Mike Slowinski

Thom Griffin

Documents

Select Board Meeting Notes

First Amendment to Host Community Agreement between the Town of Colrain and New England Craft Cultivators and MA Craft Cultivation LLC.

FRCOG FY22 Representative to the Franklin Regional Planning Board from the Select Board of the Town of Colrain.

Letter to Superintendent Martin, FCTSD from the Colrain Select Board re: request of address (street and number) of any and all students enrolled at FCTSD that were included in enrollment data as “Colrain” students for FY2011 through FY221.

Email from Michael Slowinski to Town Administrator re MassDEP Funding Opportunity: Air Sensor Grants

Email from Courtney Rainey to Colrain Town Administrator re: MassDEP Funding Opportunity

Baker-Polito Administration Announces New Funding Opportunity to Support Air Quality Sensors in Communities

Mass.gov “Apply for a MassDEP Air Sensor Grant”

Sample Air Sensor Agreement between the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and the Town of XXX Regarding the Massachusetts Air Sensor Grant Program

FYI notification from Tom Raffensperger to the Town of Colrain re: marathon on August 29 from 7 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Email from Tom Raffensperger to Town Administrator, cc’d Town of Colrain Police and Fire Chief re: Green River Marathon on August 29.

MassDOT State Aid Reimbursable Programs – Reimbursement Request