

Town of Colrain
Select Board Meeting
Colrain Town Office
55 Main Road
12:00 P.M.

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2021

Present Joe Kurland, Mike Slowinski, Thom Griffin

Others Present Joan McQuade, Elaine Stanley, Lesley Chandler, Michael Shuipis, MLP Co-Manager; Betsy Shuipis, Administrative Assistant; Kevin Fox, Town Administrator.

The meeting was called to order by Joe Kurland, Chair, at 12:14 p.m.

Appointments Veterans Memorial Park Committee

The artist designing the armed forces emblem stone for the Veterans Memorial Park would like to add a 5" rendering of the Town of Colrain seal on the stone, which would require Select Board approval.

MOVED: Mike Slowinski moved to allow the Veterans Memorial Park Committee to use the Town of Colrain seal on the armed forces emblem stone. Thom Griffin seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

How to transfer the town seal's image into a suitable electronic image for Vector Art software was discussed. Chair Joe Kurland suggested getting an artist to draw the seal 12 inches so that it could be reduced to a 5" image of good quality. Chair Kurland volunteered his help with this process and was given the artist's contact information. Town Clerk Sauvageau also offered whatever help the artist might need with the town seal.

MOVED: Mike Slowinski moved to locate the flagpole on the town common directly behind the Civil War/WWI monument. Thom Griffin seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Moving forward with the Veterans Memorial Park project, the Select Board will need the committee to provide a revised sketch to reflect the sidewalk transition into the memorial park, contractors' names, and proof that the property is insured. Mike Slowinski agreed to meet with the committee members on the common to help solidify the design.

Some decisions still need to be made concerning supervision of the design and its installation. Maintenance? The Select Board can build maintenance (such as lawn mowing) into next year's budget. Also, the Veterans Memorial Committee should work on a set of rules; for instance, what plantings are allowed on the site.

New Business Police Department Staffing

Police Chief Lannon could not attend, but he sent a memo updating the Select Board of the department's status pertaining to staffing and training. Chief Lannon will attend a future meeting with more updates.

Old Business Proposed Revisions to Colrain Broadband Allowance for Drop/Installation Costs

The Town will communicate the revisions to residents by putting a notice on the town sign, the Town website, and in the Recorder.

MOVED: Thom Griffin moved to approve the revised Colrain Broadband allowance for

drop/installation costs as presented at the 9/28/21 meeting. Mike Slowinski seconded.
Voted unanimously.

**Town Administrator
Updates**

- Patrick Laughlin, DOT, was unable to come to the meeting to update the Select Board on the Main Street intersection project so he emailed a synopsis to Kevin Fox. Mr. Laughlin wrote that the request to relocate the flagpole can be accommodated.
- The Town received a notice from Franklin Regional Technical School of an election for one representative, which the Select Board members are welcome to attend and be nominated at their 10/5/21 meeting.
- The Select Board received a letter from the Shelburne Senior Center asking to notify our seniors that they can no longer use Shelburne Senior Center services. The Colrain Council on Aging felt the letter was a matter of form since Colrain seniors do not receive their services.
- The town received an Opioid Settlement letter stating we're entitled to participate. Kevin Fox submitted information online for the town.
- A petition for a parking lot at 3 Main Road is going around town. The town does have a parking lot at 3 River Street.
- The Colrain Board of Health implemented a town-wide mask mandate effective 12:01 a.m. September 27.

MOVED: Thom Griffin moved to end the meeting at 1:44 p.m. Mike Slowinski 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

Letter from Police Chief Lannon dated 9/27/21 updating the Select Board on the status of the department since James Hunkler resigned

Revisions to Colrain Broadband Allowance for Drop/Installation Costs

Email from Patrick Laughlin to the Town Coordinator dated 9/27/21 re: Rt. 112 intersection project status

MassDOT Item 718 Flagpole construction materials and basis of payment

Email from Matt Allen, NE Craft Cultivators, to the Town Coordinator dated 9/27/21 re: virtual community outreach meeting

Attachment B – Letter from Matt Allen, New England Craft Cultivators to Town Clerk Sauvageau re: Public Notice

Attachment C – Notice of Virtual Community Outreach Meeting, Tuesday, January 26, 5:30 p.m.

Greenfield Recorder article of 1/12/21 re: Virtual Community Outreach Meeting in Colrain

New England Craft Cultivators Outdoor Cultivation Facility in Colrain Presentation