

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

MINUTES OF MAY 10, 2022

Present Mike Slowinski, Thom Griffin, Ben Eastman

Others Present Kathy Phelps, Elaine, Stanley, Joan McQuade, Howard Phelps, Ben Davenport, Mary Patricia Roehl, Joseph Michael Roehl, Jane Johnson, Douglas MacLeay, Jon Stetson, Dawn Brown, Kellie Smith, Donnie Brown, Brian Cady, Joshua Hall, Troy Fortin, Martin D. Lydgate Driggs, Sandy and Stan Skura, Jonathan Lagreze, Gail Johnston, Peter Brooks, Finance Committee; Betsy Shuipis, Administrative Assistant; Kevin Fox, Town Administrator.

Chair Joe Kurland called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Appointments Ben Davenport – Unregistered Motor Vehicle Complaint Response

Mr. Davenport finds it very unsettling that an unknown person can tell him what to do with his property. What does it mean to be in compliance? If he is in compliance, Mr. Davenport wants a letter stating that. The Selectboard does not send such a letter but agreed that Mr. Davenport is in compliance.

Mr. Brown will provide the Selectboard a written plan of how he will get his property in compliance including dates for their next meeting.

Peter Brooks – Energy Committee – Green Communities Grant Project Proposal

Peter Brooks handed out the Innerglass window panel pamphlet. There are 44 windows - almost a quarter of the first floor is glass. Peter would like to know if he can pursue this project. Mike Slowinski asked that a professional contractor do the installation. Library Director Chelsea Jordan-Makely noted other reports that told her the library needed to better control changes in air temperature for such items as valuable artwork and the harm of UV rays fading the collection and this type of inner storm window will help. Peter Brooks will submit a project narrative for the grant.

MOVED: Thom Griffin moved to approve the continuation of the process to install the glazing at the library with professional installation. Ben Eastman seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Greg Walker – 56 East Colrain Rd. Drainage Concern

Mr. Walker is concerned with drainage on his road; in particular, a culvert he claims is draining into his septic system. Sandy and Stan Skura, 65 E. Colrain Road, gave their view of the situation as neighbors of Mr. Walker. Before the next meeting, each board member will visit the site to assess the situation. Discussion will continue at the next Selectboard meeting, 5/24/22.

New Business Select Board Re-Organization

MOVED: Thom Griffin moved to elect Mike Slowinski as Chair of the Selectboard. Ben Eastman seconded. Mike Slowinski abstained. **Approved.**

MOVED: Mike Slowinski moved to elect Thom Griffin as vice-chair. Ben Eastman seconded. Thom Griffin abstained. **Approved.**

MOVED: Thom Griffin moved to elect Ben Eastman as clerk. Mike Slowinski seconded. Ben

Eastman abstained. **Approved.**

Stetson Brothers Rd. Drainage Project and Effect on Road Discussion

On Stetson Brothers Road there are portions of a stone wall on private property that run above the drainage ditch that are compromised because of how the ditch was designed and built. The electric poles may be compromised, also. Long stretches of the ditch are far too deep and are a safety hazard. Scott Sullivan will put out orange barrels and cones along the ditch to alert travelers of its danger. Consultation WR Hillman and Sons, Mitchell materials/All State, Bob Deane. Kevin and Scott will work together to start the process and report at next meeting.

Memorial Day Commemoration Flags

Scott has agreed to put poles up, but we need to buy flag holders. Jane Johnson would like to work

Veterans Memorial Park Design

MOVED: Thom made a motion to approve the veterans Memorial Park Bench design as laid out. Ben Eastman seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

MOVED: Thom Griffin moved to approve the location of the benches as laid out on Memorial Veterans Park. Ben Eastman seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

MOVED: Thom Griffin moved to approve the kidney-styled design for the two stone benches to go to the Veterans' Memorial Park. Ben Eastman seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

The benches cost \$985 each. Money from the Veterans' Memorial Park fund will pay for them

MOVED: Thom Griffin moved to approve the Town of Colrain Veterans' Memorial plaque design that shows the five service branches of the armed forces and the Minute Man statute. Ben Eastman seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Elaine Stanley asked to include concrete pads under the benches and concrete from the walkway to each stone. Mike Slowinski called Pinky Bernard about the job and Mr. Bernard said he would donate everything (the town needs a Certificate of Insurance from Mr. Bernard.)

Privately raised funds are still being accepted by the Veterans Memorial Park Committee that will help pay for the projects.

ATM Warrant Approval

Kevin Fox will correct the signatory page for signing tomorrow morning.

MOVED: Thom Griffin moved to approve the Annual Town Meeting Warrant as written except for the signatory page. Ben Eastman seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Request to be appointed to the Personnel Committee

The Selectboard expressed their gratitude in Joe Kurland's service to the Town, but they cannot appoint him to the Personnel Committee because there are no vacancies at this time.

Old Business FCTSD Enrollment

Discussion moved to the next meeting.

Unanticipated Kevin Fox the Colrain Project Closeout Certification and the disbursement of Colrain Request for disbursement of grant fund for the Colrain Broadband Project.

MOVED: Thom Griffin moved approve the Colrain Project Closeout Certification and the Request for Disbursement of Grant Funds.

Ben Eastman seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Pollinator Plan Project support letter for FRCOG

MOVED: Ben Eastman moved to approve the regional pollinator project letter as written. Thom Griffin seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Reimbursement request for the intersection project of \$10,660 that was paid to Weston & Sampson.

MOVED: Mike Slowinski moved to sign the Chapter 90 reimbursement. Ben Eastman seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

MOVED: Mike Slowinski moved to dissolve the meeting at 7 p.m. Thom Griffin seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Accepted by the Select Board

Betsy Shuipis
Administrative Assistant

Mike Slowinski - Chair

Thom Griffin

Ben Eastman

Documents

Select Board Meeting Notes

Town of Colrain Green Communities Designation Grant; Project Narrative: Griswold Memorial Library Interior Storm Window Installation

Email from Ben Davenport to Kevin Fox dated 4/27/22 re: unregistered vehicles

Town of Colrain Veterans Memorial In Recognition of the Men and Women from Colrain Who Served in the United States Armed Forces Dedicated 11/11/2022

Town of Colrain Annual Town Meeting Warrant FY23

Town of Colrain, Animal Control Bylaw Updates