

Town of Colrain  
Select Board/MLP Board Meeting  
Colrain Town Office  
55 Main Road  
4:30 PM

**MINUTES OF SELECT BOARD  
June 14, 2022**

**Present:** Michael Slowinski, Chair; Benjamin Eastman

**Absent:** W. Thomas Griffin

**Others Present:** Bing Waldsmith, MTRSD Treasurer; Betty Ringwood, Finance Committee; Jonathan Lagreze; Scott Sullivan, Highway Superintendent; Betsy Shuipis, Administrative Assistant; Paula Harrison, Collector/Treasurer; Kevin Fox, Town Administrator

Chair Mike Slowinski called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

**Appointments: Bing Waldsmith, Treasurer, MTRSD – Discussion Regarding \$278,400 CCS Borrowing**

Discussion on whether to go with a 7-year or 10-year bond, interest rates, and Heath's contribution.

**MOVED:** Ben Eastman moved to approve the 7-year bond, if possible; if not, the 10-year bond. Mike Slowinski seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Bing Waldsmith will contact Betty Ringwood, Chair, Finance Committee regarding a meeting to discuss this.

**New Business: Request to be Appointed to the Colrain Cultural Council – Kathleen Mulligan**

**MOVED:** Ben Eastman moved to approve Kathleen Mulligan to the Colrain Cultural Council. Mike Slowinski seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

**Old Business: Stetson Bros. Rd. Drainage Project and Effect on Road Discussion**

Scott Sullivan presented a list of work that has been completed Stetson Brothers Rd. Scott still needs to give the Select Board a revised budget with a detailed time frame. Additionally, he needs to send a weekly schedule submitted for that week, the previous week, and the following week for each employee.

Kevin Fox will help Scott with finding Excel classes. Discussion on Stetson Brothers Rd and Scott submitting information to the Board will continue at the next Select Board meeting. The meeting at East Colrain Rd on June 28 will be postponed.

**Unanticipated: Approve Chelsea Jordan-Makely to have a Popup Library at the Transfer Station**

**MOVED:** Ben Eastman moved to approve Chelsea Jordan-Makely to have a popup library at the Transfer Station.

Mike Slowinski seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

**Michael Friedlander – Letter of Resignation**

Michael Friedlander sent a letter of resignation from the Board of Health in February, but the Board only recently received it.

**MOVED:** Ben Eastman moved to approve Michael Friedlander's letter of resignation from the Board of Health.

Mike Slowinski seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

**Broadband Backhaul Agreement**

Mike Slowinski informed the Board that the Town received a \$400,000 grant from the state to add an additional backhaul. All five towns have agreed to use Crown Castle to provide a second backhaul. The contract has been vetted by Town Counsel.

**MOVED:** Ben Eastman moved to approve the five town Backhaul Service and Cost-sharing Agreement.

Mike Slowinski seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

**Town Administrator Updates: None**

**MOVED:** Ben Eastman moved to dissolve the meeting at 5:06.

Mike Slowinski seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Accepted by the Select Board

Betsy Shuipis  
Administrative Assistant

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Mike Slowinski - Chair

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Thom Griffin

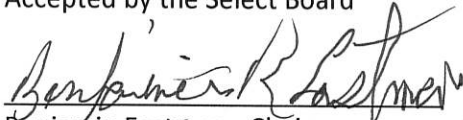
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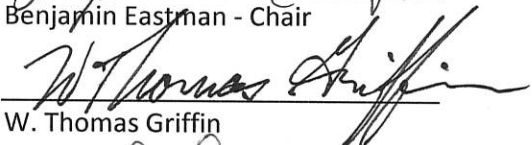
Minutes originally taken by Betsy Shuipis and typed by Marjorie Smith for approval by the current Select Board members. The current Board members accept the minutes as written on 12/26/2023, for the purpose of putting the minutes on record, as they were not accepted around the time of the original meeting.


Respectfully submitted,

Accepted by the Select Board

Marjorie Smith  
Administrative Assistant

  
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Benjamin Eastman - Chair

  
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W. Thomas Griffin

  
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Emily Thurber

**Documents:**

Email from Kathleen Mulligan to Kevin Fox dated 5/31/2022 re: Colrain Cultural Council Appointment

Letter of Resignation Letter from Michael Friedlander

Letter from Chelsea Jordan-Makely re: Popup Library at Transfer Station Request