

Town of Colrain
Select Board/MLP Board Meeting
Highway Garage
9 Jacksonville Road
4:30 PM

**MINUTES OF SELECT BOARD
June 28, 2022**

Present Mike Slowinski, Chair; Thom Griffin; Ben Eastman

Others Present Jim Lyons, Emergency Management Director; Bella Levavi, Greenfield Recorder; Michael Shuipis; Marybeth Chichester; Roger Williams; Jonathan Lagreze; Joseph Michael Roehl; Patricia Roehl; Robin Pease, MTRSD Transportation; Chris Lannon, Police Chief; Scott Sullivan, Highway Superintendent; Betsy Shuipis, Administrative Assistant; Kevin Fox, Town Administrator

Chair, Mike Slowinski called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

Appointments **Jim Lyons – Emergency Management Director Update**

Mr. Lyons was invited to the meeting to tell the Select Board the job's responsibilities, which include planning component, comprehensive emergency plan, and grant writing. The Director would send out through Blackboard Connect emergency and non-emergency events to town residents. The Select Board adopted a policy to use the Blackboard Connect system.

Mike Slowinski suggested asking residents if they want to be notified and how they would like notification, email, text, cell phone. Suggestion to update the database by using an opt-in/opt-out option.

MOVED: Ben Eastman moved to reappoint Mr. Jim Lyons as Emergency Management Director for one year.

Thom Griffin seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Chris Lannon, Police Chief, Request for Select Board to Approve Revised and New Policies Regarding Use of Force, Use of Force Reporting, Vehicle Pursuit, Preliminary Investigations, Co-Response Clinicians, Nasal Narcan

Chief Lannon is going through the current policies and procedures and looking to update them to meet State POST standards. The department is looking to have 158 policies and procedures to be closer to accreditation. The Board would like to postpone voting on the policies except the Nasal Narcan. The other five will be voted at the next Select Board meeting.

The new cruiser has been ordered and is a 2022. The hope is for delivery in February 2023.

Jonathan Lagreze questioned the Co-Response Clinician policy. Chief Lannon explained that Ashfield, who wrote the grant, along with Colrain, Shelburne, Charlemont, Buckland, Ashfield, and Heath to share the same clinician.

MOVED: Thom Griffin moved to approve the Nasal Narcan policy.

Ben Eastman seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Discussion on police details.

New Business Fiscal Year 2023 Appointments for Terms Ending 6/30/2022

MOVED: Mike Slowinski moved to appoint Tim Hartnett as the Gypsy Moth Superintendent. Thom Griffin seconded. **Approved unanimously**

MOVED: Ben Eastman moved to appoint Kyle Hartnett as plumbing inspector and Jeffrey Bache as alternate for one year. Thom Griffin seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

MOVED: Thom Griffin moved to appoint Valerie Finkel and Haynes Turkle to three-year terms on the Agricultural Committee. Ben Eastman seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

MOVED: Mike Slowinski moved to appoint Nina Martin-Anzuoni to a three-year term on the Board of Health. Ben Eastman seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

MOVED: Thom Griffin moved to appoint Shawn Kimberly for a one-year term as Building Inspector. Ben Eastman seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

MOVED: Thom Griffin moved to appoint Michelle Hillman for a three-year term on the Carl H. Nilman Scholarship Committee and Carl A. Herzig for a three-year term on the Council on Aging. Ben Eastman seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

MOVED: Thom Griffin moved for a one-year reappointment to Nicholas M. Anzuoni as Emergency Response Coordinator. Ben Eastman seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

MOVED: Thom Griffin moved to reappoint Peter Brooks, Brian Cady, and Bing Waldsmith to the Energy Committee for three-year terms. Ben Eastman seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

MOVED: Thom Griffin moved to appoint Michael Shuipis to one year term to the Franklin County Solid Waste District. Ben Eastman seconded.

Discussion: Jonathan Lagreze sent a letter in which he offered his services as the representative to the Solid Waste District and asked for an explanation on how Michael Shuipis was put forth as a replacement when he temporarily resigned as part of his initiative for "Spruce It Up Colrain" per the Boards request and after reaching out to the State Ethics Commission. Thom Griffin stated the letter of resignation did not state it was temporary and therefore not a temporary resignation. Michael Shuipis stated that he initiated the conversation regarding being appointed to the Solid Waste District but didn't recall how he knew that Jonathan was no longer going to be the representative. Kevin Fox outlined the timeline of events and his responsibilities. Jonathan questioned the Board as to why they wouldn't appoint him as he has many years of experience. **Approved unanimously.**

MOVED: Thom Griffin moved to appoint Joan McQuade as the alternate to the Franklin County Solid Waste District for one-year.

Ben Eastman seconded.

Discussion: Jonathan Lagreze and Emily Thurber questioned Joan's qualifications and her interest in serving. Mike Slowinski stated that Joan discussed being the alternate with him.

Approved unanimously.

MOVED: Thom Griffin moved to appoint Nicholas Anzuoni as fire chief for one year.

Ben Eastman seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

MOVED: Thom Griffin moved to reappoint Nicholas Anzuoni, Douglas MacLeay, Gary Ponce, Kevin Worden II for one-year to fire station building committee.

Ben Eastman seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

MOVED: Thom Griffin moved to appoint as the as the Franklin County Regional Council of Governments Representative, Kevin Fox for one year and Joe Kurland as the alternate for one year.

Ben Eastman seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

MOVED: Thom Griffin moved to appoint Marybeth Chichester to the FRCOG Planning Board, and Thom Griffin provisionally as the alternate.

Ben Eastman seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

MOVED: Thom Griffin moved to reappoint Belden Merims to the Historical Commission for a three-year term.

Ben Eastman seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

MOVED: Ben Eastman moved to reappoint Chris Lannon as Police Chief, and Tarah Dempsey, Heather Sonn and Derek Worden as police officers for one year.

Thom Griffin seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

MOVED: Thom Griffin moved to appoint Kevin Fox as the Representative to the Regional Animal Control Program for one year.

Ben Eastman seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

MOVED: Thom Griffin moved to reappoint Dave Fierro as town accountant for one year.

Ben Eastman seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

MOVED: Ben Eastman moved to appoint Thomas Griffin as the Upper Pioneer Valley District Veterans Representative.

Mike Slowinski seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

MOVED: Thom Griffin moved to appoint Clint Dodge and James Slowinski as the Wiring Inspector for one year.

Ben Eastman seconded. Mike Slowinski recused himself. **Approved.**

Old Business **Stetson Bros. Rd. Drainage Project**

Along with a schematic of the proposed drainage project, Scott Sullivan submitted a revised cost list for cost comparison, but no labor and equipment costs were added. Discussion on elevation and other measurements. Resident Joseph Roehl questioned the differences between Option A and Option B and Scott explained. He also questioned if there have been similar projects in town and Scott said they did one on East Colrain Rd. Resident Patricia Roehl expressed her concerns with the road width and that emergency vehicles will not be able to navigate the road. Thom Griffin commented that they, too, want a functioning, safe road that is also aesthetically pleasing.

Mike Slowinski would like to know how the Stetson Brothers Rd project will fit in with vacation time and other projects with a comprehensive plan. Mike also questioned if Scott had signed up for an Excel course, and Scott had not. Discussion on the ordering of the new backhoe. Discussion on weekly reports, which have not been submitted in a timely manner, diesel adjustment, and road signs. Mike stated he would like to see more specific information regarding "desk work" written on the schedule.

Discussion on whether to reappoint Scott Sullivan as Highway Superintendent, his management of the highway department, and training. Discussion that expectations must be clear and supervision of staff done well and reappointment on a probational basis with positive incremental changes that begin soon. Michael Shuipis suggested that the Board be clear and concise with their expectations of Scott that are measurable. Kevin further suggested that communication be improved between the Select Board and Scott, and setting up a liaison to the Highway Department who reports to the Board.

MOVED: Thom Griffin moved to reappoint Mr. Sullivan to his position on a provisional basis and between now and the next meeting will come up with a list of specific exceptions, refine at the next meeting and give it to Kevin Fox to put into effect.

Ben Eastman seconded.

Discussion: Kevin asked to be able to refine it and go over the list with Scott and the ability to negotiate with Scott. The Select Board decided that they will compile independent lists of expectations, bring to the next meeting to Kevin who will go over the list with Scott and bring any revisions back to the Select Board. The appointment will be for one year.

Approved unanimously.

Unanticipated: **Robin Pease – Use of Fire Department Parking Lot as Bus Stop**

The Colrain School will be a construction zone during the summer and to get kids to the Summer Program at Mohawk the bus company would like to use the fire department parking lot to pick up students at 7:55am and drop off at 3:45pm from July 11 to August 5, Monday through Friday. The Select Board would like the stop to be the Town Office parking lot.

Town Administrator Updates:

FY 23 Select Board Schedule

Kevin Fox wanted the Board's input on the schedule for the next fiscal year. All members agreed that the current schedule is best on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month.

MOVED: Thom Griffin moved to dissolve the meeting at 6:42 pm.

Ben Eastman seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Shuipis
Administrative Assistant

Accepted by the Select Board

Mike Slowinski - Chair

Thom Griffin

Ben Eastman

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 12/20/2023, for the purpose of putting the minutes on record, as they were not accepted around the time of the original meeting.

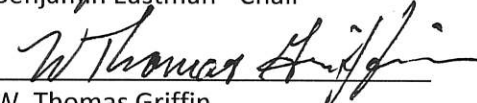
Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Smith
Administrative Assistant


Accepted by the Select Board



Benjamin Eastman - Chair



W. Thomas Griffin



Emily Thurber

Documents:

Email from Town Administrator to Jim Lyons dated June 20, 2022, invitation to Select Board meeting

Town Clerk list of re-appointments for FY2023

Email from Chief Lannon to Kevin Fox dated 6/7/2023 re: Police Department Policies

Colrain Police Department Policies: Use of Force, Use of Force Reporting & Investigation, Vehicular Pursuit, Preliminary Investigations, Co-Response Clinicians