

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

MINUTES OF AUGUST 9, 2022

Present Mike Slowinski, Thom Griffin, Ben Eastman

Others Present Roger Williams, Emily Thurber, Jane Johnson, Doug MacLeay, Bella Levavi, Recorder reporter; Ellen Weeks, Personnel Committee; Chris Lannon, Police Chief; Betsy Shuipis, Administrative Assistant; Kevin Fox, Town Administrator.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mike Slowinski at 4:30 p.m.

Appointments **Scott Sullivan, Highway Department – 1) Chapter 90 Forms (request for Selectboard to approve/sign) 2) Recommendations for Use of Winter Road Recovery Assistance Program (WRAP) funds 3) Update and status of MA DEP Release Notification and Notice of Responsibility**

Scott Sullivan did not attend the meeting.

MOVED: Thom Griffin moved to approve the three Chapter 90 Reimbursement Requests for Coombs Hill Road, Part of West Leyden Road & Coburn Street, and Heath Road over Taylor Brook Culvert. Ben Eastman seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Chris Lannon, Police Chief – Current and Future Staffing Needs Discussion

Chief Lannon distributed nine handouts containing cost analysis of police chief and officer wages for future staffing decisions in the Police Department. After some discussion, the Select Board decided to continue the conversation at their next meeting.

Clinician Co-Responder (Jail Diversion Program) Services Agreement

The net cost to the Town is zero. The document was reviewed by Shelburne’s town counsel. The grant is for one year.

MOVED: Ben Eastman moved to approve the Clinician Co-Responder Services Agreement. Thom Griffin seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

New Business **Warrant for the 2022 State Primary**

MOVED: Thom Griffin moved to approve the Warrant for the 2022 State Primary. Ben Eastman seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Unanticipated **Atlas Hydraulic Oil Release Notice of Responsibility**

A Licensed Site Professional (LSP) proposal from Atlas for an oil spill that happened on Adamsville Road, July 21, 2022, was shown to the board. Town employees will likely do the work at an estimated cost of \$6,402. Tomorrow Kevin Fox will sign the agreement and get the process started.

Selectboard Minutes of July 12, 2022 and July 26, 2022

MOVED: Thom Griffin moved to approve the Selectboard minutes of July 26, 2022. Ben Eastman seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

MOVED: Thom Griffin moved to approve the minutes of July 12, 2022. Ben Eastman seconded.
Approved unanimously.

Jonathan Lagreze – Covered bridge lighting too bright.

Mr. Lagreze’s complaint is the bridge lighting should be softer and less bright. Thom Griffin spoke with the electrician Jim Slowinski after the lights were installed. Mr. Slowinski said these fixtures were the best choice available.

Town Administrator

Updates

The Selectboard received a letter from Craig Underwood today stating his desire to continue working at the Transfer Station through the winter, and states he has no plan to retire.

Colrain received \$100,000 for the Small Bridge Program for design services. MassDOT chose BSC Group as engineers for the bridge on Adamsville Road over Sanders Brook.

MOVED: Thom Griffin moved to dissolve the meeting at 5:40 p.m. Ben Eastman 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

MassDOT Reimbursement Requests: Coombs Hill Road, Part of West Leyden Rd & Coburn St., Colrain-Heath Rd Over Taylor Brook Culvert

Letter to Kevin Fox from Karyn E. Polito, Lieutenant Governor, re: Colrain's WRAP funding apportionment is \$260,331.42

Program Overview – Winter Recovery Assistance Program (WRAP)

Email to Highway Superintendent Scott Sullivan from Kevin Fox, Town Administrator re: Notice of Responsibility, Release Tracking Number 1-0021603

DEP letter dated 7/28/22 to Kevin Fox re Release Notification and Notice of Responsibility

Handouts from Police Chief re: current and future staffing needs in the Police department

Clinician Co-Responder (Jail Diversion Program) Services Agreement

Letter to Kevin Fox from Atlas Technical Consultants re: 15-gallon release of hydraulic oil on Adamsville Road on July 21, 2022

Atlas Client Services Agreement dated August 8, 2022 between the Town of Colrain and Atlas Technical Consultants, LLC