

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

**MINUTES OF SELECT BOARD  
December 6, 2022**

**Present** Michael Slowinski, Chair; W. Thomas Griffin; Benjamin Eastman

**Others Present:** Roger Williams; Jane Johnson; Patience Lowe; Buaris Gervais; Jonathan Legreze; Megan McDonough, Town Moderator; Michael Shuipis; Paula Harrison, Treasurer/Collector; Betsy Shuipis, Administrative Assistant; Kevin Fox, Town Administrator

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

**Appointments: Highway Superintendent, Department Update**

Steve Daby will update the Select Board at their next meeting.

**Michael Shuipis, Conduct of Committee Members Discussion**

Mr. Shuipis related an experience he recently had at a public meeting where a committee member of our town spoke falsely of a town employees' actions, getting the facts wrong. In response, Mr. Shuipis hoped the Board would consider adopting a code of conduct for all committee members and provided a document he found as an example, *MIIA Risk Management Code of Conduct Policy for Town-elected and -appointed Officials*, that addressed these issues. Discussion following of making a code of conduct like this part of the employment contract for committee, board, and elected town members, working with the Personnel Committee to refine a policy.

**New Business: Appoint Mass in Motion Age-Friendly Planning Working Group**

**MOVED:** Ben Eastman moved to approve Robbie Murphy, Beth Kimball, Betsy Shuipis, and Kathy Steinem to the Mass in Motion Age-Friendly Planning Working Group. Thom Griffin seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

**Approve 2023 License Renewals - ABCC Retail:** Catamount Country Store and Pine Hill Orchards. Class II and Class III: Marty's Repair (Class II), M&T Auto (Class II), M&T Auto Wrecking (Class III), Common Victualers: Catamount Country Store, Inc. and Pine Hill Orchards

**MOVED:** Ben Eastman made a motion to approve the 2023 ABCC licenses for Pine Hill Orchards and Catamount Country Store. Thom Griffin seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

**MOVED:** Ben Eastman made a motion to approve Class II and Class III licenses for Marty's Repair (Class II & III) and M&T Auto (Class II). Thom Griffin seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

**MOVED:** Ben Eastman made a motion to approve the Common Victualer's license for Catamount Country Store, Inc. and Pine Hill Orchards. Thom Griffin seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

**Old Business: None**

**Unanticipated: Third Party Inspection Report done by the Franklin County Solid Waste District**

**MOVED:** Thom Griffin moved to accept and sign the Third-Party Transfer Station Special Report and Corrective Action. Ben Eastman seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

**Town Administrator Updates:**

Notification from Eversource -- the basic service rate is over 21 cents/kilowatt. If you went with the aggregation program, you'd pay 9.34 cents/kilowatt. They will send out letters to the 220 customers who opted out of the program to say they can opt in.

Louis Barnhardt will officially close Barnhardt Manufacturing Company Jan. 31, 2023.

**MOVED:** Thom Griffin moved to dissolve the meeting at 5:31 pm. Thom Griffin seconded.  
**Approved unanimously.**

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

Selectboard Meeting Notes

Request that the Selectboard formally communicate the following to all employees of the Town of Colrain including all committee members

MIIA Risk Management Code of Conduct Policy for Town-elected and -appointed officials

Email from Robbie Murphy to the Town Administrator dated 11/26/22 re: Interest in Mass in Motion Age-Friendly Planning working group

Email from Beth Kimball to the Town Administrator dated 11/27/22 re: Interest in Mass in Motion Age-Friendly Planning working group

Email from Betsy Shuipis to the Town Administrator dated 11/21/22 re: Interest in Mass in Motion Age-Friendly Planning working group

Email from Kathy Steinem to the Town Administrator dated 12/1/22 re: Interest in Mass in Motion Age-Friendly Planning working group

List of License Renewals for 2023 – Retail License Renewals, Common Victualler’s License, Class II and Class III