

Town of Colrain
Select Board/MLP Board Meeting
Highway Garage, 9 Jacksonville Road
4:30 p.m.

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 20, 2022

Present Thom Griffin, Ben Eastman

Absent Mike Slowinski

Others Present Jane Johnson, Roger Williams, Timothy Daniels, Emily Thurber, Jonathan Lagreze, Steven Daby, Highway Superintendent; Chris Larabee, The Recorder; Betsy Shuipis, Administrative Assistant; Kevin Fox, Town Administrator

Thom Griffin called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

Appointments Highway Superintendent, Department Update/Request to keep Town pickup truck at his residence for on-call/emergency purposes

Superintendent Daby would like to get winter help mainly for plowing. The Selectboard asked Kevin Fox to advertise. Mr. Daby withdrew his request to keep the Town pick-up truck at his residence for on-call/emergency response purposes.

Selectboard re-votes from 12/6/22 Meeting; Actions deemed Invalid due to meeting posting error:

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 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.**

New Business Motion to designate the position of Franklin County Solid Waste Management District representative as a special municipal employee position for the Town pursuant to M.G.L. c 268A, Section 1(n)

MOVED: Ben Eastman moved to designate the position of Franklin County Solid Waste Management District representative as a special municipal employee position for the Town pursuant to M.G.L. c. 268A, Section 1(n).

Motion to designate the position of Franklin Solid Waste Management District alternate representative as a special municipal employee position for the Town pursuant to M.G.L c. 268A, Section 1(n)

MOVED: Ben Eastman moved to designate the position of Franklin County Solid Waste Management District Alternate Representative as a special municipal employee position for the Town pursuant to M.G.L. c. 268A, Section 1(n). Thom Griffin seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Letter of Resignation from Haynes Turkle, Agriculture Commission

MOVED: Ben Eastman moved to accept a letter of resignation from Haynes Turkle, Agriculture Commission with gratitude for his years of work on the Commission. Thom Griffin seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Proposed Code of Civil Conduct

Laminated copies will be placed around town. This is for visitors to Town Offices and town meetings, not for the town employees' personnel policies booklet.

MOVED: Ben Eastman moved to endorse the Code of Civil Conduct as written. Thom Griffin seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Approve minutes of 11/8/22 and 11/22/22

MOVED: Ben Eastman moved to approve the minutes of 11/08/22 and 11/22/22. Thom Griffin seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Old Business None

Unanticipated Business None

Town Administrator Updates

FRCOG's Culvert Assessment was completed. Colrain has 632 culverts in the town, 14% are deemed critical. Kevin Fox has a pre-application process meeting with DER next week.

MOVED: Ben Eastman moved to dissolve the meeting at 5:17 p.m. Thom Griffin seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Accepted by the Select Board

Betsy Shuipis
Administrative Assistant

Michael Slowinski - Chair

W. Thomas Griffin

Benjamin Eastman

Documents

Selectboard Meeting Notes

Email from Robbie Murphy dated 11/26/22 regarding interest in joining the Mass in Motion working group

Email from Beth Kimball dated 11/27/22 regarding interest in joining the Mass in Motion working group

Email from Betsy Shuipis dated 11/21/22 regarding interest in joining the Mass in Motion working group

Email from Kathy Steinem dated 12/1/22 regarding interest in joining the Mass in Motion working group

License renewals for 2023: ABCC Retail License Renewals for Catamount Country Store and Pine Hill Orchards; Common Victualler's Licenses for Catamount Country Store and Pine Hill Orchards; Marty's Repair, Class II, M&T Auto Class II and M&T Auto Wrecking Class III

Motions to Classify a Town's FCSWMD Representative and Alternate as Special Municipal Employees Dated December 12, 2022

Email from Jan Ameen, FCSWMD regarding Special Municipal Employees dated 12/12/22

Fact Sheet from the Mass. Ethics Commission, Special Municipal Employees

The Conflict Law is Less Restrictive for "Specials"

Email from Jan Ameen, FCSWMD dated 9/9/22 re: Conflict of Interest issues for Board

Letter from Haynes Turkle to the Selectboard dated 11/30/22 re: resignation from position of Chair of the Colrain Agricultural Commission.

Town of Colrain Code of Civil Conduct draft 12/14/22