

Town of Colrain
Selectboard/MLP Board Meeting
Highway Garage
9 Jacksonville Road
4:30 P.M.
January 10, 2023

Present Mike Slowinski, Thom Griffin, Ben Eastman

Others Present Howard Phelps, Jane Johnson, Emily Thurber, Jonathan Lagreze, Ellen Weeks, Personnel Committee; Betsy Shuipis, Administrative Assistant; Kevin Fox, Town Administrator.

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

Appointments None

New Business **Review of Special Municipal Employee Status**

The Selectboard reviewed the Special Municipal Employee status. No vote needed.

Cost of Living Wage Adjustment Recommendation Discussion

The Selectboard asked Kevin to cost out 3, 4, and 5% COLAs for every employee.

Old Business None

Unanticipated **Dates to turn on and off the Holiday Tree lights on the Town Common**

MOVED: Thom Griffin moved to make it a Selectboard Policy to turn on the holiday lights on the tree on the Town Common on the day before Thanksgiving and turned off the day after Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Ben Eastman seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

MOVED: Thom Griffin moved that we send a thank you to the Veterans Committee members for their work on the Veterans Memorial Park; specifically, Joan McQuade, David Nims, and Elaine Stanley. Ben Eastman seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Town Administrator

Updates

The 102 Main Road demolition is completed. There will be a lien for the demolition costs put on the property that will not allow ownership to transfer until the lien is satisfied. If the taxes continue being paid, the current owner still owns the property.

The advertisement for the Administrative Assistant position will be in the paper Saturday, 1/14. The interview committee will consist of one designee from the Personnel Committee, one Selectboard designee, and the Town Administrator. Kevin Fox recommends that the Selectboard appoint Paula Harrison to the committee as well. Ben Eastman volunteered to be the Selectboard designee.

Steve Daby Update on Rt 112 road wash away.

In Mr. Daby's absence, Kevin Fox updated the Board. On 12/23 there was a substantial rain fall that caused damage on Jacksonville Road/Rt 112. Water came from across the street down the road because a culvert on private property failed. Water also came from the river towards the road. Mr. Daby immediately contacted Kevin Fox and put barrels up at the site on Jacksonville

Road. MassDOT came Monday and declared an emergency procurement situation, and 16 jersey barriers were delivered at no cost. Engineers came to view the area to prepare a scope of work for a contractor. The Town has Winter Road Recovery and Chapter 90 money available. All agreed that the area needs two temporary traffic lights. It is predicted to be a 9 month one-lane closure.

MOVED: Thom Griffin moved to dissolve the meeting at 5:55 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

A letter dated August 19, 1963 from Town Clerk of Colrain to Edward W. Brooke, Attorney General, State House regarding the Classification of Employees of the Town of Colrain under Chapter 268A

A letter from the Town Clerk of Colrain to Edward W. Brooke, Attorney General, State House dated November 18, 1965 stating there are no changes to the listing of the classifications of all appointed and elected town officials

Franklin County Solid Waste Management District Fact Sheet from the Mass. Ethics Commission, Special Municipal Employees