

Town of Colrain  
Select Board/MLP Board Meeting  
Select Board Meeting Room  
Town Offices  
55 Main Road  
4:01 PM

**MINUTES OF SELECT BOARD  
April 18, 2023**

**Present:** Mike Slowinski, Chair; Thom Griffin; Ben Eastman

**Others Present:** Doug MacLeay, Chair of Finance Committee; Betty Ringwood; Deborah Menard; Michael Shuipis; Paula Harrison, Treasurer/Collector; Chelsea Jordan-Makely, Library Director; Betsy Browning, Library Trustee; Nancy Rich Turkle, Library Trustee  
Maggie Smith, Administrative Assistant; Kevin Fox, Town Administrator

Mike Slowinski called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

**Appointments: Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Discussion with Finance Committee**

Kevin Fox presented the proposed budget to the Select Board and Finance Committee. He also highlighted the average single-family FY23 tax bill and tax rates across the eight surrounding towns, with Colrain having the lowest average single-family tax bill and a median tax rate. As part of the FY24 budget, the Library Trustees have requested an additional 2% wage adjustment above the 4% COLA increase for the library staff as well as an increase of two hours per week for the library assistants. This would increase the total hours per week for the library assistants from 12 hours to 14 hours.

**Regional Agreement Amendment Warrant Article Submitted by MTRSD Discussion**

Superintendent Sheryl Stanton did not attend the meeting and therefore a discussion regarding the Amendments was not had. Kevin Fox will reach out to the school district regarding attending the next Select Board meeting on April 25, 2023 to discuss the Regional Agreement Amendment Warrant.

**New Business: None**

**Unanticipated: Annual Town Election Warrant**

Kevin Fox presented the Annual Town Election Warrant to the Select Board, on behalf of the Town Clerk, for their signature. The Annual Town Election is scheduled for May 2, 2023.

**MOVED:** Thom Griffin moved to approve and sign the Annual Town Election Warrant for May 2, 2023.

Ben Eastman seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

**Town Administrator Updates: None**

**MOVED:** Mike Slowinski moved to dissolve the meeting at 5:30pm.  
Thom Griffin seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Smith  
Administrative Assistant

Accepted by the Select Board

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Mike Slowinski - Chair

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Thom Griffin

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Ben Eastman

**Documents:**

Select Board Meeting Notes

Proposed Operating Budget Spreadsheet

Proposed Use of Free Cash (Capital and Savings Plan) Spreadsheet

District Assessments Spreadsheet

Sources/Uses Worksheet

Total Proposed Spending Plan Spreadsheet

Broadband Enterprise Fund Budget

Chart Ranking the Average Singly Family FY23 Tax Bill and FY23 Tax Rate for Ashfield, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Hawley, Heath, Plainfield and Shelburne

Regional Agreement Amendment Warrant Article by MTRSD