

Town of Colrain
Select Board/MLP Board Meeting
Select Board Meeting Room
Town Offices
55 Main Road
2:00 PM

**MINUTES OF SELECT BOARD
December 6, 2023**

Present: W. Thomas Griffin; Emily Thurber
Absent: Benjamin Eastman, Chair

Others Present: Michael Shuipis, Finance Committee Chair; Steve Daby, Highway Superintendent; Paula Harrison; Marjorie Smith, Administrative Assistant; Kevin Fox, Town Administrator

Vice Chair, Thom Griffin called the meeting to order at 2:35 pm.

Appointments: None

New Business: Screen/Discuss Highway Department Equipment Operator/Truck Driver/Laborer Applicants and Decide Process Forward

Thom Griffin explained that a fourth application was received and both he and Emily have looked at it. The applicant has plowing experience and a CDL. Emily expressed her concerns with hiring a new person during the winter is risky as there are only three people currently and would not be able to adequately train the new hire. Furthermore, winter is not the time to train a person who is unfamiliar with Colrain roads. Thom and Steve agreed that hiring now could be problematic and wait until March to hire. Discussion on interviewing the applicants. Discussion on amending the amount to transfer at the Special Town Meeting, having the Finance Committee make a statement as well as a member of the Select Board at the meeting, and being prepared to hire someone, so as not to lose an applicant should a suitable person apply. Discussion on the moderator and their role for the meeting.

Old Business: None

Unanticipated: None

Town Administrator Updates: None

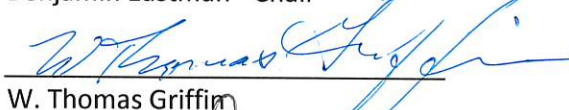
MOVED: Emily Thurber moved to dissolve the meeting at 3:34 pm.
Thom Griffin seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Smith
Administrative Assistant

Accepted by the Select Board


Benjamin Eastman - Chair


W. Thomas Griffin


Emily Thurber

Documents:

Four Applications for Highway Department Equipment Operator/Truck Driver/Laborer