

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

**MINUTES OF SELECT BOARD
April 9, 2024**

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

Others Present: James Hall; Matthew Shearer; Marjorie Smith, Administrative Assistant; Kevin Fox, Town Administrator

Chair Ben Eastman called the meeting to order at 4:32 pm.

Appointments:

James Hall – Request to Renew Permit Allowing the Keeping of More than One Un-Registered Vehicle at 5 River Street

Ben Eastman explained that the Board gave the lifetime permit request some thought, however, want to keep it as a yearly renewal. The permit will have the same conditions and will expire one year from today. Discussion on the general renewal process.

MOVED: Thom Griffin moved to extend the permit for James Hall to keep more than one unregistered vehicle at 5 River Street for a period of one year.

Emily Thurber seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

New Business:

Approve One Day Liquor License – Pine Hill Orchards – 5/18/2024

Matt Shearer explained that he will be hosting a ticketed dinner with wine event in the orchard and is requesting a one-day special liquor license. He is also planning to do a few throughout the summer.

MOVED: Emily Thurber moved to approve the one-day liquor license for Pine Hill Orchards for 5/18/2024. Thom Griffin seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Approve Allowing Free of Charge Disposal of Roadside Trash at the Colrain Transfer Station Collected by Participants In the Spruce It Up Colrain Event

Jonathan Lagreze has requested that people who pick up trash along the roads for the Spruce it Up Colrain event can dispose of the roadside trash bags free of charge at the transfer station. Discussion on handling bulky waste and tires.

MOVED: Thom Griffin moved to approve free of charge disposal of roadside trash at the Colrain Transfer Station collected by participants in the Spruce It Up Colrain event for Saturday 4/20, 4/27, 5/4 and 5/11.

Emily Thurber seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Old Business:

Review and possible approval of HCA with Atlantic Farms LLC

Kevin Fox updated the Board that he is still waiting to hear from Town Counsel regarding the HCA. No further discussion.

Continued Discussion RE FY2025 Budget

Kevin Fox has the warrant prepared and will be sending a draft to the Board. Brief discussion on Council on Aging budget request not being fully funded, Highway Superintendent position and road sweeping.

Documents Distributed to the Select Board Before the Meeting in a Packet or at the Meeting:

Select Board Meeting Notes

Email from James Hall to Kevin Fox, Town Administrator, dated 4/3/2024 re: Unregistered Vehicle Special Permit

Current Special Permit Issued to James Hall dated 2/8/2023

One-Day Liquor License Application – Matthew Shearer