

Town of Colrain
Select Board Meeting
55 Main Road/Town Office Building
7:00 P.M.

MINUTES OF December 16, 2013

Present: Eileen Sauvageau, Mark Thibodeau, Jack Cavolick

Others Present: Gary Ponce, Nick Anzuoni – Fire Chief, Joe Kurland and Nina Martin-Anzuoni – School Committee Reps, Jason Ferenc – BOH, Shawn Kimberley – Building Inspector, Paula Harrison – Office Clerk, Kevin Fox – Town Coordinator.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Eileen Sauvageau at 7:02 PM.

Meeting Minutes 12/2/13

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to accept the minutes as presented 12/2/2013, Jack Cavolick seconded and it was voted unanimously.

Warrants were reviewed and signed by the Board.

Appointments

Pat Smith FRCOG – Regional Sheltering Agreement
CANCELLED

Gary Ponce – Colrain Ambulance

Gary informed the Board that as of July 1, 2014 the Ambulance Association will be working 8 hours a day, all volunteer hours for up to three years and will provide full paramedic services. Gary explained the details. He informed the Board that making runs outside the community has provided an income and experience to the Association's volunteers. In 2006 started with 61 calls this year working on 300 calls. There was discussion on mutual aid and how that works if Colrain Ambulance is on a call and cannot respond to a Colrain call. Discussion on how the income is earned through calls. The future goal is to have a 24 hour ambulance service in town. Further discussion on how that service would operate. Discussion on the potential growth of the Association and if there would need to be planning for a facility in the future.

Nick Anzuoni – Fire Chief – Fire Truck Bid

Nick updated the Board on the fire truck bid. Spoke to FRCOG informed him that he can take the lowest bid but they cannot ask the bidder to change the bid. They can accept a bid as is or put it out to bid again with changes. Discussion on the bid process and what options are available to the Fire Department. The Fire Department has made a final decision to recommend to the Board to accept the lowest bid of \$433,000. Nick informed the board that once the chassis is made it will then take an additional 6 weeks to put the truck together and there is no payment until the truck is in ownership of the Department. Discussion on the

rising cost of the trucks. The board reviews the bid tally sheets. Discussion on warranties associated with the new truck.

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved that we spend the \$433,000 to buy a new truck from Lakes Region Fire Apparatus, Inc. , Jack Cavolick seconded and it was unanimous.

School Committee update

Kevin informed the Board that the school committee is here for their quarterly update and to work on the Colrain Central Lease. Nina informed that board that the school maintenance walk throughs are finished and there will be a report to estimate the capital expenses. The board expressed their concern on have solid figures and not estimated costs to bring to the finance committee. Discussion on how the estimates have been collected. Discussion on how the equipment is maintained and who is keeping the schedule. Discussion on how the school committee is trying to change the environment between the towns and the school committee in order to work together in the future. Discussion on how the school committee has been pushing for accountability with the administration, staff, students etc. Discussion on class size and teacher class ratio.

CCS - Lease

Kevin would like the Board and School Committee to review the draft lease and make suggestions on changes. Kevin informs the Board that the school has an option to renew the lease for another 20 years. The School Committee would like an agreement in the lease on how the town and school with handle disagreements and grievances. Discussion on the cost of potential attorney fees which may be associated with the review of the lease.

Appointments

Jason Ferenc (BOH)/Shawn Kimberley (Building Inspector) – update on 1 Greenfield Road

Jason informed the Board that they have meet with owner of 1 Greenfield Road. Jason informed the Board that the family is living in the building. There is no running water. The family is bringing in jugs of water. Jason explains that the family has spent all their funds to purchase the building and repairs so far. Jason and Shawn have set a date for an inspection by the end of the year to see what work needs to be done. The Board expressed their concern for the safety of the family. Jason informed the Board that at the inspection if the Board of Health finds the situation is threatening the health and safety of the children they would have no choice but to report them. Discussion on what happens if the family fixes up an additional unit and rents it out. Jason informed the board that if this were to happen Shawn would be able to evict them. Jason explained the statute and the options which are available to the Building Inspector and the Board of Health. The owner has a plumber coming in just after Christmas. Discussion on what is needed for the owner to get an occupancy permit. The Board would like Jason and Shawn to think about what to do in the future to prevent a situation like this one. The Board would like Kevin to approach the owners to see if they are interested in selling it.

New Business

2014 License Renewals

Kevin informed the board of the 4 licenses for approval.

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to approve all licenses that are ready this evening, Jack Cavolick seconded and it was voted unanimously.

MMA Annual Business Meeting – Credential Vote Form

Kevin informed the board of the next MMA meeting.

Not anticipated

DLT grant

Kevin informed the Board that the FRCOG has sent a survey for the Board to rank what they would like to see done in regards to the latest DLT Grant. Discussion on obtaining the Green Communities designation. Discussion on what would be needed to become a Green Community.

Not anticipated

Liquor License

Jack informed the Board that he has looked into the FRCOG liquor license help which was offered. He inquired about a local home brewery and what they may need for license/permits in town. Jack informed the Board that Stoneman Brewery did apply for license at the federal level and can legally distribute alcoholic beverages.

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 PM, seconded by Jack Cavolick and it was voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Accepted by the Board of Selectmen

Paula Harrison
Office Clerk

Eileen Sauvageau - Chairman

Mark Thibodeau

Jack Cavolick

Documents

- Warrants
- Meeting minutes from 12/2/2013
- Petition for Verizon Job #1A0X2HS Christian Hill Road
- Used Car Dealer's License – Class II – M & T Auto Wrecking
- Motor Vehicle Junk License – Class II – M & T Auto Wrecking
- Common Victualler's License – Pine Hill Orchards
- Package Store License renewal – Pine Hill Orchard
- MMA letter
- Colrain Central School Lease
- FRCOG Letter regarding DLTA Funding