

Town of Colrain
Select Board Meeting
55 Main Road/Town Office Building

Selectmen Eileen Sauvageau, Mark Thibodeau, Jack Cavolick

Others present Kevin Fox-Town Coordinator, Colleen Worden-Office Clerk, Emily Boss-Franklin Land Trust, Warren Facey, Phillips Sherburne, Joan McQuade, Robin Hartnett-Town Clerk, Diane Broncaccio-The Recorder, Paula Harrison-Town Treasurer/Collector, David Nims, Hale Johnson, Peter Brooks, Theresa Fitzsimmons, Elizabeth Erikson, Rockwell Lively, Bing Waldsmith, Alain Peterson-Franklin Land Trust, and Chris Lannon-Police Chief.

Appointments:

Phil Sherburne, Colrain Historical Society-Deaccession of Certain Books from Pitt House Library and Continuation of Pitt House:

Phil Sherburne and other members of the Historical Society attended the meeting to discuss the deaccession of various books. Phil explained the Historical Society has several book and various pamphlets that are not related to the Town of Colrain in their possession. The society would like to sell or donate them in an effort to reduce clutter in the Pitt House. Kevin explained that the selectmen would have to declare the books as surplus before anything can be sold. Discussion ensued. It was decided that the Historical Society would acquire a bid for the books and bring it back to the next meeting.

Pitt House:

There was a discussion regarding the Pitt House and a vision statement and a proposal for services from the engineer Mike Rainville. The Historical Society is asking the board if there is any possible way they can obtain an occupancy permit without spending a lot of money. Discussion ensued, it was decided to table the discussion until the next meeting.

Cemetery Commission:

The Historical Society brought to the attention of the board the lack of upkeep of local cemeteries. There was a discussion. The Historical society is asking the board to appoint a cemetery commission. Kevin explained that the board cannot appoint a commission, it is an elected position and will have to go a town meeting.

Emily Boss-Franklin Land Trust-Conservation Restriction 4 North Green River Road:

Emily Boss from the Franklin Land Trust attended the meeting to further discuss a proposed conservation restriction on the Eckstein property on North Green River Road. Emily explained that the Eckstein's own 93 acres and would like to conserve 86 of the 93 acres.

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to approve the Conservation Restriction for property at 4 North Green by Paul Eckstein and the Franklin Land Trust contingent on town counsels approval and reimbursement of counsel fees.

Energy Committee:

Members of the Energy Committee attended the meeting to give the board an update on their progress. Peter Brooks informed the board that the group has been working on energy renewal, their focus is to purchase more energy with less fossil fuel. The committee is asking the board if they have any ideas for projects that they would like them to look into. Kevin suggested that they look into solar and the possibilities of placing panels on or near town buildings.

Tropical Storm Irene Note:

Paula has submitted a renewal note for Tropical Storm Irene deficit funding for the board approval in the amount of \$158,000 at a rate of 1.26% for one year.

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to approve the renew note for Tropical Storm Irene deficit funding in the amount of \$158,000 at a rate of 1.26% for one year. Jack Cavolick seconded. Voted unanimous.

Chief Chris Lannon-Police Department Update:

Chief Lannon attended the meeting with an update on his department. Chris explained that the office upgrade is complete and seems to be working out well. He advised the board that he is currently down to 8 officers and he is requesting the board's permission to promote officer Hunkler and officer Williams to the rank of Sergeant. Discussion ensued and it was requested that Chief Lannon submit a written request for the promotions.

New Business:

Upper Pioneer Valley Veteran's District Inter-Municipal Agreement Renewal:

Kevin presented the board with the Upper Pioneer Valley District Inter-Municipal Agreement and recommended that the board approves the renewal.

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to sign the renewal for the Upper Valley Veterans District with the terms of the contract will be for fiscal years 2019, 2020, and 2021, namely July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021.

Agreement for Services-FRCOG-MVP Planning Process:

FRCOG has submitted an Agreement for the services for the board's approval to provide services in order for the Town to achieve Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Designation. Kevin explained that the funding for these services is to be paid by the state as a result of a previously awarded MVP grant the Town received this summer.

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to approve the scope of work to assist the Town of Colrain to complete the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Planning Process to achieve (MVP) Designation. Jack Cavolick seconded. Voted unanimous.

Highway Garage Project-Proposed Change Orders:

Kevin submitted for the board approval a proposed change order for the highway garage renovation. The amount is \$11,924.00. Discussion ensued.

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to give Mark Thibodeau authority to sign the change order. Jack Cavolick seconded. Voted unanimous.

Unanticipated at time of posting:

Scott Sylvester-Representative of the Woodlands Partnership has submitted his resignation effective November 2, 2017. Nick Anzuoni has agreed to serve if the board wishes to appoint him.

MOVED:

Eileen Sauvageau moved to appoint Nick Anzuoni as the Colrain representative to Woodlands Partnership. Mark Thibodeau seconded. Voted unanimous.

Housing Court “Agreement of the Parties” 3 Main Road:

Kevin gave the board an update on the progress of the housing court regarding 3 Main Road.

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to approve the minutes of 9-14-17, 9-25-17, and 10-16-17. Jack Cavolick seconded. Voted unanimous.

MOVED: Jack Cavolick moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting closed at 8:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Worden
Office Clerk

Accepted by the Board of Selectmen

Eileen Sauvageau

Mark Thibodeau-Chairman

Jack Cavolick

Documents

- Email from Phil Sherburne
 - Draft Memo to Selectmen from Colrain Historical Commission
- Short Form Agreement Between Owner and Engineer for Professional Services (Colrain Historical Society)
 - Colrain Energy Committee Update to BOS
- Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans Services District-Inter-Municipal Agreement