

Town of Colrain
Select Board Meeting
55 Main Road/Town Office Building
2:30 P.M.
MINUTES OF December 7, 2016

Present: Mark Thibodeau, Eileen Sauvageau, Jack Cavolick

Others Present Colleen Worden-Office Clerk and Paula Harrison- Tax Collector-Treasurer
Kevin Fox-Town Coordinator, Trevor Mackie,-Charlemont, Cheryl Handsaker-
Charlemont, Police Chief –Chris Lannon, and Bill Stathis.

Approve Warrants and Minutes

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to approve the minutes of 11-9-16, 11-21-16, and 11-16-16 executive minutes, 10-12-16, 8-31-16, and 9-28-16. Mark Thibodeau seconded. Voted unanimous.

Bill Stathis-Crocker Communication-MBI-Private sector Provider RFP:

Bill Stathis attended the meeting to give the Board an update on the recently released RFP “to identify private sector options to close the last mile broadband gaps.” Bill explained that they found a \$35M short fall and explained how they plan to close it. Bill also asked the Board if they would be willing to write a non-committal letter of support. The Board agreed and asked Kevin to write it.

Chris Lannon-RE Proposed Marijuana Use and Proposal Policy:

Chris attended the meeting to discuss a proposed acknowledgement form he would like the Board to approve. There was a discussion and it was decided that before the Board agreed to sign they would have the Towns legal counsel review it.

2017 License Renewals (Common Vic., Class II and III, Liquor:

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to approve the Common Victualler License for Catamount Country Store. Eileen Sauvageau seconded. Voted unanimous.

There was a discussion on last year’s Liquor license for the Catamount Country Store. Eileen brought to the attention of the Board that last year the Catamount Country Store paid for a full year’s license and were only open for half of the year. Eileen asked the Board if they would consider reducing the fee for this year to make up for what she feels was an over payment for last year’s license. After a brief discussion it was decided that the Board would reduce the Liquor license fee for this year. The Board asked Kevin to figure out exactly how many months the store was open and adjust the fee.

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to reduce the license for Catamount Country. Mark Thibodeau seconded. Voted unanimous.

Pine Hill Common Victualler License:

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to approve the Common Victualler License for Pine Hill Orchards. Mark Thibodeau seconded. Voted unanimous.

Class II & III License for Mark Scranton:

Mark Thibodeau moved to approve the Class II & III Junk yard license for Mark Scranton. Eileen Sauvageau seconded. Voted unanimous.

Used Car Dealer License for Marty's Repair:

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to approve the Used Car Dealer License for Marty's Repair. Mark Thibodeau seconded. Voted unanimous.

Unanticipated at time
of posting

Appraisals:

Kevin has spoken to the abutters regarding the easements of the Heath Road Bridge. Vicki Sutton is willing to donate her piece of property. The Herzig-Thibodeau and Michael Collins and Tony Palumbo are asking to have their property assessed. Kevin Fox informed the Board that the cost for the appraisal is \$6,850.00 and is asking to use Chapter 90 funds to pay for it.

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to approve the use of Chapter 90 funds for Heath Road Bridge easement appraisals. Mark Thibodeau seconded. Voted unanimous.

3rd Party Inspection of the Transfer Station:

Scott received the report for the Transfer Station. There were a few deficiencies but nothing major and Scott has taken care of it.

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to accept the 3rd Party Inspection of the Transfer Station. Eileen Sauvageau seconded. Voted unanimous.

Disposal of Recent Foreclosures Now Town Owned:

Treasurer/Tax collector Paula Harrison attended the meeting to give the Board an update on recent foreclosed properties in Town. Paula explained to the Board that the property on 309 Main Road was acquired by the Town on November 3, 2016 and is owned by Rose Lynch. Paula also informed the Board that the property is currently being rented. Kevin has been working on securing insurance on the property and with the Town's attorney on starting the eviction process. The other property currently owned by the Town is 393 Main Road, The Morningstar residence. Paula explained the process of disposing of unwanted properties, such as having a live auction or a closed auction with a sealed bid. Paula explained that the auction would have to be advertised in the newspaper. She also explained that the Town has used Douglas Auctions in the past. Paula advised the Board that we have an interested party in the Morningstar property and thought the starting bid for that should be at least \$12,000.00. There was a discussion on a minimum bid price and the Board thought the starting bid for the Morningstar property should be reduced to \$10,000.00. No decisions were made.

Adoption of Fixed Assets and Capital Improvements:

Eileen pointed out that the agreement refers to 'he' and should be changed to they.

MOVED: Eileen moved to approve the Capital Improvement Plan. Mark Thibodeau seconded. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Worden
Office Clerk

Accepted by the Board of Selectmen

Eileen Sauvageau - Chairman

Mark Thibodeau

Jack Cavolick

Documents

- Crocker Communication MBI Last Mile Grants RFP
- Colrain Police Department-Marijuana Use & Possession
- Judgement in Tax Lien - Morningstar Property
- Judgement in Tax lien – rose Lynch

