

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

**MINUTES OF JANUARY 7, 2013**

Present: Mark Thibodeau, Eileen Sauvageau and Duane Scranton.

Others Present: Belden Merims, Rebecca Bounds, Phil Sherburne, Joan McQuade, Nick Anzuoni – Fire Chief, Kevin Fox – Town Coordinator, Paula Harrison – Office Clerk.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Warrants: Vendor and Payroll Warrants  
Selectboard approved warrants.

Minutes: Meeting Minutes December 17, 2012  
**MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to approve the minutes from December 17, 2012 as written, Duane Scranton seconded. It was voted unanimously.**

Appointment Historic Society Board of Directors – Pitt House Lease Agreement  
The Select board asked the Historic Society how the repairs to the Pitt House are proceeding. Discussion on the new windows that were installed last year. The Historic Society informed the board they have formed a Historic Building Committee and that committee will take care of projects like this in the future. There is a new caretaker and he is doing a great job identify repairs that need to be done. The new caretaker informed the board of exterior work that needs to be done and says all is routine and he plans on doing much of this in the coming year. The board agreed that the historic society is moving in the right direction by having a caretaker that is actively maintaining the building. Discussion on oil usage at the Pitt House. The Historic Society requested a line item in the budget just for the upkeep of the building. There was discussion on the amount of rent collected and why there was not enough charged to put some aside for repairs. Kevin explained the insurance quote that was just received stating the Pitt House was in poor condition. He has appealed the insurance companies decision and is waiting for a response. Kevin discussed the lease with the boards and informed them that the current insurance coverage does not comply with lease terms. Additionally, the town needs a copy of renters insurance to verify that it complies with the lease. The Historic Society will bring the lease to their insurance company (Berkshire Insurance Group) and have them review the Comprehensive Liability Insurance.

New Business Memorial Hall Update  
Kevin informed the board that he did go over to memorial hall with Ed Root the roofing contractor. Ed identified leaks in the dormers on the building and he recommended it should be taken care of sometime this year. The bigger issue is

what to do with the building in general. The building should be boarded and secured to prevent vandalism. Ed Root's recommendation is to repair the foundation because it is beginning to bow out. Discussion followed on the location of the foundation disrepair. The Board would like to have a meeting to see if anyone in town is interested in repairing the structure. Discussion continued on possible solutions for the building. The Select board discussed the future of other buildings in town that could be demolished. Kevin gave the board an update on how Leah is proceeding on the sale of foreclosed properties. Kevin informed the board that the building inspector would like to establish a demolition revolving fund, the board would like to get an article to board the building up on the annual town warrant so the town's people know this is an issue.

There was discussion on the future of the "Blue Block" and David Nims property on Jacksonville Road in the center of town. The board would like Kevin to contact the bank to see what the asking price of the blue block is. Discussion continued regarding the future of the center of town.

#### MIIA Nomination Forms

Kevin explained the nomination and the voters designation form. The board chose to take no action on these forms.

#### Municipal Aggregation of Electricity - HCOG

Kevin informed the board that the municipal aggregation of residential electricity is still an option for the town. A representative is willing to come in and talk to the board during their next meeting. The select board is not currently interested in this program

#### Accept Quintus Allen Trust Income Distribution

Kevin explained this is money that is distributed annual to the town from the trust to be used to towards educational expenses.

**MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved we accept the check from the Quintus Allen Trust Income fund, Mark Thibodeau seconded and it was voted unanimously.** (requested receipt was signed by the board)

#### Old Business

##### Approve/Sign Pitt House Lease Agreement

Tabled to next meeting waiting for additional information from the Historic Society.

##### Approve/Sign Northeast IT Systems, Inc Proposal

Kevin informed the board that the Finance Committee approved the transfer from the reserve fund.

**MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to approve and sign the proposal from Northeast IT Systems, Inc for \$1,150.00, Duane Scranton seconded and it was voted unanimously.**

#### Not Anticipated

##### Nick Anzouni – Fire Chief

At time of posting

Nick discussed multiple unplanned costs due to equipment breaking down and new regulations. Kevin will contact other department to see if there are any other issues like this and talk to Tracey Baronas regarding available funds for transfer then bring it back to your next meeting with proposal and possible date for a special town meeting.

Selectmen's annual report

Kevin distributed the Selectmen's annual report for review.

FRCOG Direct local Technical Assistant Program letter from FRCOG distributed

Kevin distributed a letter from FRCOG. The letter sought input as to what type of grant funding activities the various towns were interested in. The board will take it home and review for their next meeting.

**MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 PM. Seconded by Duane Scranton and it was voted unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Harrison  
Office Clerk

Accepted by the Board of Selectmen

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Mark Thibodeau - Chairman

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Duane Scranton

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Eileen Savaugeau

## Documents

- Meeting Minutes 12-17-12
- Vendor and Payroll Warrants
- Lease Agreement for the Pitt House
- Northeast IT Systems, Inc – Assessment proposal