

Town of Colrain
Select Board Meeting/Finance Committee
55 Main Road/Town Office Building
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES OF February 29, 2016

Present: Scott Sullivan – Highway Superintendent, Joe Kurland, Valeda Peters, Kathy Phelps, Nina Martin Anzuoni and Ellen Weeks

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Eileen Sauvageau at 5:35 PM

FY 17 Highway Transfer Station Presentation

Marybeth Chichester questioned Scott about the \$1:00 pay increase he is asking for, for his employees. Scott stated that he has a very good crew and he would hate to see them leave for a better paying job.

Jack Cavolick asked Scott if he thought Nate would leave if he didn't get a raise. Scott stated that he did not think so.

Eileen Sauvageau asked Scott how long it has been since the Transfer Station employees have had a raise. Scott stated that they got one last year.

Scott stated that there is a need for more gravel due to all the road wash outs from the past rain storms.

Town Representative for the Strategic Plan Steering Plan:

Kate Barrows from 35 Wilson Hill road attended the meeting and has asked the Board to be appointed to the Strategic Plan Steering Committee.

Kate explained that she is a former teacher from the Greenfield School District and she expressed her concerns over the Mohawk school budget. She feels that the budget may be too tight. Mark Thibodeau and Eileen Sauvageau explained that they feel the Town cannot continue going in this direction and that something has to be done about the school budgets continual increase every year. Kate asked the Board if they have given any thought about possibly consolidating the Highway Department, Fire Department and the Police Department as a way to save the Town some money. Kevin explained that this was discussed a few years earlier and it was decided then that, that was not feasible. Eileen stated that she would be attending a few of the Strategic Plan steering committee meetings but also stated that if she felt that things were not going nowhere she would stop attending.

MOVED: Jack Cavolick moved to appoint Kate Barrows to the Mohawk Trail strategic Steering Committee. Mark Thibodeau seconded. Voted unanimous.

Letter to Mohawk Trail RSD RE. School Assessments:

After discussion it was decided that the Board will not be sending a letter instead and will ask Kevin to

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Worden
Office Clerk

Accepted by the Board of Selectmen

Eileen Sauvageau - Chairman

Mark Thibodeau

Jack Cavolick

Documents

- IG's Guide on Constructing Public Facilities
- Town of Colrain, Massachusetts ("Awarding Authority") Designer Selection Procedures
- 2016 Solarize Massachusetts Request for proposal from Massachusetts Communities