

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

MINUTES OF May 6, 2013

Present: Mark Thibodeau, Eileen Sauvageau, Jack Cavolick

Others Present: Kevin Worden, Larry Dumas, Ginny Ray – The Independent, Tracey Baronas – Town Accountant, Duane Scranton, Nancy Scranton, Paula Harrison – Office Clerk, Kevin Fox – Town Coordinator.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Thibodeau at 7:00 PM.

Appointments **Presentation of Citation to Duane Scranton**
Mark Thibodeau presented Duane Scranton with a Citation for 40 years of Service from the Massachusetts State Senate.

Old Business **Selectmen's Film Permit Policy**
Kevin informed the board that he has left this on the agenda to be considered. Kevin explained the policy to Jack. This has been developed through the Mass Film Association. Mark explained the theme of the movie and who is producing this film. Keep in old business.

Approve and sign warrants
The warrants were approved and signed by the selectmen.

Meeting Minutes 4/22/2013
MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to approve the minutes from 4-22-13 as written and presented here tonight, Mark Thibodeau seconded and it was voted unanimously.

New Business **Select board FY14 Meeting Schedule**
Kevin explained he has put together a meeting schedule and would like to see if the selectmen would like to approve this. Starting last year the selectmen went to meeting two times a month.
MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to approve the select board meeting schedule for FY14 presented by Kevin Fox, Jack Cavolick seconded and it was voted unanimously.

FY 14 Budget Discussion/Town Meeting Discussion
Discussion on the School budget to reduce the school budget down to the original proposed budget before it was increased. There is a request to move this amendment to return the school budget to its original proposed budget. There was discussion on how this would work within the district. Kevin explained that this amendment was sent to Mark as the Chairman today and was in the office today.

Discussion on the potential excess in the Mohawk school budget. Kevin explained the budget process for the Mohawk District. Discussion about committee which is reviewing how to save money through possible consolidation. It was discussed that hiring a consultant may be a better solution. Kevin informed the board that Larry Shearer was appointed to the taskforce. Jack stated his concern regarding the ever increasing school budget. Discussion on how this Budget may be reined in. Discussion on how other states deal with school district budgets. Mark explained the transportation issue and the state mandates. Discussion on the maintenance of Colrain Central School. Kevin informed the selectmen that the lease for the school is up in 2014. Discussion on what other town's that own their school buildings. Jack asked if the school is shut down does that accelerate the costs of the school. Kevin explained that if the school was shut down then the town would have to pay the full cost of the loan. This is one of the things that this new taskforce will be looking at.

New Business

Select board Reorganization

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to appoint Eileen Sauvageau as the chair of the Select board, Jack Cavolick seconded and it was seconded and it was voted unanimously.

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved that Mark Thibodeau be vice chair of the Select board, Jack Cavolick seconded and voted unanimously.

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved that Jack Cavolick is clerk of the board of Selectmen, Mark Thibodeau seconded and it was voted unanimously.

EMD Position Discussion

Kevin informed the Board that Jack has 6 position in town and we have an answer from the States Ethics commission and it is hard to understand. Jack has asked Jason Fenenc to review the letter and we have a call into the state ethics for clarity. Jack informed the board that he has contacted Jason and he has reviewed the letter. He would be happy to sit down and discuss it with Jack.

Not Anticipated
At time of Posting

Kevin Worden – Firefighter's Association Boot Drive

Kevin Worden is back with information for the boot drive. The boot drive will be Saturday, May 25, 2013 from 8 am to 4 pm. Jack asked if the town is covered by liability for boot drives? Kevin believed that they are because they are firefighters which are covered under the towns worker compensation.

Not Anticipated
At time of Posting

TIP money

Jack Cavolick asked for an explanation on the proposed sidewalk project. Kevin Fox informed the board that Colrain is still being considered for the TIP program. Kevin explained there are several things happening at once, the reconstruction of the bridge by the school with sidewalks, the Safe Routes to School program, TIP program, which is the federal program, and the USDA grant for the sewer study. There was discussion on the engineering costs for the sidewalk project and it was noted that there are no grants available for engineering costs. It was explained

that the cost of engineering can be taken from Chapter 90 money. Discussion on how Chapter 90 is raised and distributed. Kevin informed the board that the town currently has \$368,814 in Chapter 90 with the new allocation coming July of 2013.

Not Anticipated
At time of Posting

Larry Dumas – Roads, Fire Department

Larry discussed the maintenance of the dirt roads with the Select Board. Larry believes many of the gravel roads in town are below grade and should be brought up to grade level. Kevin Fox informed the board that they gave direction to Scott to complete the work on East Colrain Road. He has graded and widened the road and this year it will be paved. This will be at an approximate cost of \$200,000. Kevin informed the board that Scott has tried to save up chapter 90 money to do some of the big project in town. Larry discussed the fire truck and how often they need to be replaced. There is discussion on the ISO rating. The State requires this assessment every ten years. The Selectmen would like to sit with Scott Sullivan – Highway Superintendent to discuss the dirt road conditions and Nick Anzouni – Fire Chief to discuss ISO ratings to their next meeting.

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 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

- Minutes 4-22-13
- Warrant
- Citation for Duane Scranton
- Select board FY14 Meeting Schedule
- Selectmen's Film Permit Policy