

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

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 15, 2012

Present: Mark Thibodeau, Eileen Sauvageau and Duane Scranton.

Others Present: Joan Rockwell – Chairman Planning Board, Paula Harrison – Office Clerk, Kevin Fox – Town Coordinator

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

Minutes: Meeting Minutes October 1, 2012

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to approve the minutes from October 1, 2012 as written, Duane Scranton seconded. It was voted unanimously.

Warrants: Vendor Warrants

The Selectboard approved the warrants.

New Business Approve and Sign for Posting – Warrant for State Election

Kevin explained the warrants are for the Town Clerk regarding the upcoming election.

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to approve the warrants for the upcoming election, Duane Scranton seconded and it was voted unanimously.

MOU with FCSWMD for Third Party Inspection Services at Transfer Station

Kevin explained the MOU.

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to accept the MOU between the FCSWMD and Town of Colrain for the third party inspection services at the Transfer Station, Duane seconded and it was voted unanimously.

Approve/Sign Chapter 90 Reimbursement Request

Kevin explained this is money the town is getting back from Chapter 90 projects recently done in the Town.

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved that the board apply for the chapter 90 reimbursement money for the work that has recently been done in the Town of Colrain in the amount of \$341,836.78, Duane Scranton seconded and it was voted unanimously.

Authorize Use of Program Income For Emergency Housing Rehab. Project thru FCRHRA

Kevin explained there is a resident that needs emergency chimney repair and has applied for assistance through FCRHRA. There was discussion on the project. Kevin explained that this is an emergency situation because the house is heated with a wood furnace. The Selectboard would like Kevin to ask the FCRHRA if they could look at other options such as a pellet stove which could be vented out an exterior wall. No Action Taken.

Old Business

Memorial Hall Chimney

Kevin received one quote for the chimney repair and explains the scope of the project.

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to hire Marvin Smart to do the work listed on the quote (\$1,600) for the Memorial Hall chimney, Duane seconded and it was voted unanimously.

Economic Development Committee

Tabled

FCRHA Contract

Kevin informed the board that Greenfield has submitted a letter withdrawing their offer to provide services for housing which we have not received at this time. The Board will bring the FCRHA contract into consideration once the Letter from Greenfield is received. No Action Taken.

Not anticipated
At time of posting

Vote to Accept Donation from the Colrain Firefighters' Association under MGL Ch. 44 Sec. 53A

Kevin explained that the donation was for the emergency lights and siren on the Jeep.

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to accept the donation for Colrain Firefighters' Association under MGL Ch 44 Sec 53A for the emergency lights and siren in the amount of \$300, Duane seconded and it was voted unanimously..

Request to Borrow Short Term from Stabilization Account Under MGL Ch. 44 Sec. 4

Kevin explained that Leah has asked the Board to approve short term borrowing from the stabilization account in the anticipation of revenues soon to be received.

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved that we approve the short term borrowing of \$290,000 from stabilization account, Duane Scranton seconded and it was voted unanimously.

Discussion RE 10/22/2012 Meeting at Barnhardt with Express Natural Gas LLC

Mark explained that Barnhardt will be changing to compressed natural gas as a cost saving measure. There will be a meeting on 10-22 and will be at the plant with the fire department and the Police chief.

Town Coordinator Update

Kevin informed the board of the following:

- roof project is almost done
- The demolition project is in progress with two buildings down
- There was a resident interested in memorial hall for an art studio

Discussion followed on the condition of memorial hall.

Appointment:

Joan Rockwell – Sample Letter RE Zoning Bylaw Violations – Section III-1 Prohibited Uses

Joan reviewed the proposed letter regarding Protective Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Colrain Section III, 1 prohibited uses – all Districts. It was discussed that the Bylaw is vague and may not be enforceable. The Board would like to promote

education and inform the residents on services available to help with these issues. The Selectboard would like the Planning Board to focus on the future of the Town working on land use issues and the FRCOG on the current streetscape plan. The planning board will take an educational approach for the prohibited uses in the Zoning Bylaws and to focus on unregistered vehicles at another time. No Action at this time.

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10PM. Seconded by Duane Scranton and it was voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Harrison
Office Clerk

Documents

- Meeting Minutes 10-1-2012
- Suggested Sample Letter from the Planning Board
- Vendor and Payroll warrants
- Warrant for State Election
- MOU Between FCSWMD and the Town of Colrain regarding Third-Party Inspection of the Town's municipal transfer station
- Memorial Hall Chimney repair proposal – Marvin Smart
- Advance of Funds in Lieu of Borrowing Report – Town Treasurer
- Colrain Firefighters' Association, Inc – Donation for emergency lights on Jeep