

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

MINUTES OF MARCH 26, 2012

- Present: Mark Thibodeau, Eileen Sauvageau and Duane Scranton.
- Others Present: Nick Anzuoni, Colrain Fire Chief; Doug MacLeay, Marybeth Chichester; Charles Lappen, and Tom Pariseau, Colrain Finance Committee; Kate Amaral, Shelburne Falls and West County Independent; Jack Malloy, Resident; David Greenberg, Kevin Fox, Colrain Town Coordinator; and Tracey Baronas, Town Accountant.
- Call to Order: Chairman Mark Thibodeau called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He announced a tape recorder in use by the Selectboard (the Board).
- Minutes: **MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to approve the minutes of 03/19/12. Seconded by Duane Scranton. Passed unanimously.**
- Fire Dept. Update: Discussion of Capital Request for Fiscal 2013 Budget
Fire Chief Nick Anzuoni spoke with the Board regarding the outcome of budget discussions from last week to exclude (among other capital requests from other departments) the truck he had requested in his budget proposal. He explained that this truck is necessary and will replace one that was taken out of service due to age and condition and sold last year. This shorter-wheelbase truck would provide access to narrow driveways, be the first apparatus out on the majority of calls, provide additional SCBA-equipped seating, and provide a four wheel drive apparatus. The Board advised that several factors have led to the decision to wait on some items, and none of them are reflective of need. In fiscal 2014, the Mohawk Trail Regional School District capital assessment will increase by \$70,000 annually for ten years due to the renovations on the roofs and windows at Mohawk and Colrain Central School. Additionally, any remaining expenses from Tropical Storm Irene must be provided for, either by borrowing or other available funds. Any borrowing (such as for equipment) approved in the FY13 budget would result in payments beginning in the FY14 budget. The Board asked Chief Anzuoni to prepare some scenarios including financing and borrowing for future discussion. The Board was willing to revisit this item at a later date.
- Finance Committee Budget Workshop
Members of the Finance Committee met with the Board to review the budget requests from department heads and the overall fiscal year 2014 budget. Various changes were discussed and will be incorporated into the next revision.
- Old Business: Appointment of Municipal Lighting Plant Manager (Wired West Project)
The Board reviewed this tabled item from last week. Now that the final ballot vote for the establishment of the Municipal Lighting Plant (the precedent in the law for this project) has been taken, the town will need to appoint a manager of the plant. Under MA General Law Ch. 164, S56, this person shall have full charge of the operation and management of the plant. Additionally, the town must officially vote again to join Wired West.
- MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to appoint David Greenberg as the Municipal Lighting Plant manager until the election in May 2013. Seconded by Duane Scranton. Passed unanimously.**

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to join Wired West. Seconded by Duane Scranton. Passed unanimously.

New Business:

Annual Appointment of Animal Inspector

The annual appointment for the animal inspector from the Commonwealth is due. Jack Cavolick has agreed to continue to serve.

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to appoint Jack Cavolick to the position of Animal Inspector. Seconded by Duane Scranton. Passed unanimously.

Engineering Service Proposal

Town Coordinator Kevin Fox spoke with the Board regarding a need for engineering services on the A.A. Smith Bridge, which was damaged during Tropical Storm Irene. The Board reviewed a contract prepared by Professional Engineer Jim Toth in which he estimated a maximum of ten hours necessary for the process. It is anticipated that FEMA would cover up to 75% of necessary expenses.

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to sign a contract with Jim Toth, Professional Engineer, for services for the AA Smith Bridge. Seconded by Duane Scranton. Passed unanimously

The payroll and vendor warrants were signed.

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to dissolve at 8:40 PM. Seconded by Duane Scranton. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey L. Baronas
Town Accountant