

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

MINUTES OF APRIL 9, 2012

- Present: Mark Thibodeau, Duane Scranton, and Eileen Sauvageau.
- Others Present: Kevin Parsons, Jim Gariepy and Chris Jackson, Trout Unlimited; Robin Sherman, Executive Director of the Franklin County Regional Housing & Rehabilitation Authority; Randy Gobeil, Shelburne Resident; Mike Slowinski, Mohawk Trail School Building Committee Member; Tom Pariseau and Doug MacLeay, Colrain Finance Committee; Kate Amaral, Shelburne Falls and West County Independent; Leah Coburn, Colrain Town Clerk, Treasurer and Tax Collector; 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 04/02/12. Seconded by Duane Scranton. Passed unanimously.**
- North River Clean-Up Update: Trout Unlimited Chapter Clean Up Day Plans
Kevin Parsons, of the local Trout Unlimited chapter, spoke with the Board regarding cleaning up the North River on 4/28/12 (rain date 5/5/12). The group has determined that the area most in need of assistance is from the Vermont state line to the bridge at Foundry Acres. The group can provide an insurance indemnification to the Town and will contact the Colrain Police Department to advise of this event. A request has been made of the Colrain Fire Department for their assistance in the area of communications. The debris would be placed in donated dumpsters and hauled to Covanta in Springfield by Waste Management at no charge. The group inquired whether the Town would consider signing a form to request that Covanta waive the tipping fee for this project. The Board indicated that they would be in favor of signing this request and thanked the gentlemen for their efforts.
- CDBG Update: Community Development Block Grant Updates
Robin Sherman, Executive Director of the Franklin County Regional Housing & Rehabilitation Authority, spoke with the Board regarding updates on the housing rehabilitation program administered by them in Colrain. She explained that the FCRHA would like to formalize prior verbal agreements into a contract with Colrain, and she presented a draft for review. Colrain has been the recipient of health and safety improvements to homes occupied by low and moderate-income households frequently in the past thirty years. Through program year 1992, funds returned to the program were unrestricted, but since then returns on the loans have been funneled back into the program for other loans. Decisions left to be made include the limit allowed to loan to each homeowner, and whether or not a portion of the loan would be forgiven after 15 years. The Board will review this document and revisit at another meeting.
- Vehicle Damage: Request for Reimbursement
Randy Gobeil of Shelburne spoke with the Board regarding damage to his vehicle from debris coming off the top of dumper outside of the cover of one of the town trucks. He asked the Board to consider the likelihood that this did happen as a result of town employees not sweeping off the top of the truck around the covered load and then

navigating a corner, causing those rocks to come off at a fair speed. No accident report was filed and there are no witnesses. He has repaired the windshield, and submitted receipts for consideration. The Board took this under advisement and will respond following discussion with the Highway Superintendent Scott Sullivan and review of past practice.

Green Grant Update:

Roof/Windows at Colrain Central School

Mike Slowinski advised the Board that the roof bid was awarded to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, Titan Roofing, after the apparent low bidder was disqualified. He sought Board approval, subject to approval of plans by Colrain Building Inspector Shawn Kimberley, to have work commence this Saturday and continue all week during school vacation. At the end of that week, construction will be at a stopping point until the end of the school year, with an anticipated completion of both the roof and windows by August 15, 2012. The Board agreed with this plan.

Budget Review:

Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Review

The Board and Doug MacLeay and Tom Pariseau of the Finance Committee reviewed the result of last weeks' changes to the proposed FY13 budget. Discussion centered on an increase requested in the police budget. Chief Jason Haskins will be invited in to the meeting on 4/17/12 (Tuesday due to the Patriot's Day holiday) to clarify.

New Business:

Appointments to Colrain Council on Aging

The Board was asked on behalf of the Council on Aging to appoint the following to the Council on Aging: Mo Grossburger, Kathy Phelps, and Valeda Peters.

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to appoint the above individuals to the Colrain Council on Aging. Seconded by Duane Scranton. Passed unanimously.

Sign FEMA Correspondence Tropical Storm Irene Reimbursement Requests

The Board was asked to sign paperwork in order to obtain reimbursement for some storm-related projects. More documents will be coming to the Board for signatures over the next few weeks.

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to sign the FEMA paperwork. Seconded by Duane Scranton. Passed unanimously.

Sign Authorization to Contract on Colrain's Behalf for Highway Procurement

The Board reviewed a request from the Franklin Regional Council of Governments' Procurement Department to contract on Colrain's behalf for highway materials and services.

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to allow the FRCOG to contract on behalf of Colrain for highway products and services. Seconded by Duane Scranton. Passed unanimously.

Colrain Firefighter's Association Gift

The Board received a letter and check from the Colrain Firefighter's Association in the amount of \$456.75 for rescue equipment for the fire department.

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to accept the gift of \$456.75 as allowable under M.G.L. Ch. 44, §53A for rescue equipment for the fire department. Seconded by Duane Scranton. Passed unanimously.

Upcoming Meetings

4/16/12	Patriot's Day-No Selectboard Meeting	
4/17/12	Selectboard Meeting	7:00 PM, Selectboard Mtg. Room
4/18/12	MTRSD Building Subcomm.	6:00 PM Supt. Conf. Rm. Mohawk
4/24/12	Personnel/Negotiations Sub.	6:30 PM Prin. Conf. Room/Mohawk
5/01/12	MTRSD Education Subcomm.	6:00 PM Supt. Conf. Room Mohawk

The payroll and vendor warrants were signed.

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to dissolve at 9:30 PM. Seconded by Duane Scranton. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey L. Baronas
Town Accountant