

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

**MINUTES OF MAY 14, 2012**

Present: Mark Thibodeau, Duane Scranton, and Eileen Sauvageau.

Others Present: Kevin Fox, Colrain Town Coordinator.

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 05/07/12. Seconded by Duane Scranton. Passed unanimously.**

New Business: Selectboard Reorganization

**MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to appoint Mark Thibodeau as Chair of the Colrain Selectboard and Duane Scranton as Clerk of the Colrain Selectboard for the ensuing year. Seconded by Duane Scranton. Passed unanimously.**

**MOVED: Duane Scranton moved to appoint Eileen Sauvageau as Vice Chair to the Colrain Selectboard for the ensuing year. Seconded by Mark Thibodeau. Passed unanimously.**

Selectboard Appointments

The Board reviewed the list of annual appointments.

**MOVED; Eileen Sauvageau moved to reappoint the individuals to the committees as recommended. The list of members of the Recreation Committee and the Highway Garage Search Committee was revised to include Selectperson Sauvageau replacing former Selectman Michael Beausoleil. This is due to all members of the Selectboard being part of those committees. Seconded by Duane Scranton. Passed unanimously.**

Bid Award-Surplus Equipment

Bidding on the 1979 Ford Dump truck (less body) that was declared surplus previously topped out at \$875.00 on Municibid. This is a free electronic bidding service specifically for municipalities.

**MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to award the bid for the 1979 Ford Dump Truck to Gary Mayo of Phillipston MA. Seconded by Duane Scranton. Passed unanimously.**

Old Business: Town Meeting Votes and Next Steps

Town Coordinator Kevin Fox indicated that the bid specifications are being put together for the new highway truck. The Board would like to review them before they are advertised.

Mr. Fox reported that it will not be necessary to return to a special town meeting to finance the tuition and travel expenditures for a Colrain student to attend Smith Vocational as he has accepted an offer from the Franklin County Technical School. Discussion then centered around whether to ask the voters to raise the \$50,000 anyway and place it either in a savings account for Tropical Storm Irene liabilities or for another specific purpose, such as a feasibility study for town infrastructure. More research will be conducted and this will be revisited.

Mr. Fox indicated that the vendor has been notified that work can begin on the town website following July 1<sup>st</sup>. A preliminary meeting has been scheduled for mid-June.

An advertisement for the position of office clerk will appear in The Recorder beginning this Thursday. It is anticipated that the position could be filled as of July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Fox attended a meeting of the Colrain Council on Aging recently. They inquired about adding another phone line to the town office with voice mail which will allow residents to call in and make reservations for functions such as trips and senior meals. The Board had no objections and stated this should be charged to their expense line.

Office Updates:

Resident Complaint

Town Coordinator Kevin Fox indicated that a resident observed someone purporting to be from a town board taking photos of her residence. Following discussion, a letter will be drafted for review next week and sent to the board in question. Additional information will be gathered.

Regional Housing Funds

The Board asked Mr. Fox to contact the Franklin County Regional Housing Authority to inquire about a residence and renovation funding. More detail will be obtained and the matter will be revisited.

The payroll and vendor warrants were signed.

**MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to dissolve at 8:10 PM. Seconded by Duane Scranton. Passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey L. Baronas  
Town Accountant