

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

MINUTES OF JULY 02, 2012

Present: Mark Thibodeau and Eileen Sauvageau.

Absent: Duane Scranton.

Others Present: Kate Amaral, Shelburne Falls and West County Independent; Albert Bessette Jr., Verizon New England Right of Way Manager; Leigh Morrell, Resident; Kathy Kassing and Paula Harrison, Office Clerk Candidates; Ellen Weeks, Personnel Committee Chair; Tracey Baronas, Colrain Town Accountant; and Kevin Fox, Colrain Town Coordinator.

Pole Hearing: Thompson Road Pole Placements
Chairman Mark Thibodeau opened the pole hearing in accordance with MA General Law Chapter 166, Section 22. The plan is to place two poles on the southerly side of Thompson Road. Following discussion, and there being no objections, the following motion was made:

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to approve the pole placement as described in the Verizon New England and Western MA Electric Company petition. Seconded by Mark Thibodeau.

Chairman Thibodeau closed the hearing at 7:05 PM.

Office Clerk Interviews: Final Interviews
The Board and Ellen Weeks, Personnel Committee Chair, met with two candidates, Kathy Kassing and Paula Harrison, regarding the open position of Office Clerk. Questions were asked and answered.

Chairman Thibodeau called a brief recess at 7:30 p.m. (after Ms. Kassing's interview and before Ms. Harrison's) and reconvened at 7:50 p.m.

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to offer the position of office clerk to Paula Harrison beginning 7/12/12. The position is 26 hours and the rate is \$14.00 per hour. Seconded by Mark Thibodeau.

New Business: Correspondence from Mohawk Trail School District re: Colrain Representative
The Board reviewed correspondence from the MTRSD reminding them of the vacancy created on the school committee due to the expiration of David Purington's term. No one came forward at election time. Town Coordinator Kevin Fox will contact an individual to determine interest in the appointment.

Franklin Regional Transit Authority (FRTA) Advisory Board Appointment
MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to appoint Mark Thibodeau as Colrain's representative to the FRTA Advisory Board. Seconded by Mark Thibodeau.

Resident Complaint
Resident Leigh Morrell met with the Board to discuss his concerns regarding an incident involving a Colrain police officer. Chairman Thibodeau will research and reply to Mr. Morrell.

Joint Meeting with Finance Committee

The Finance Committee has posted a meeting for 7/7/12 at 9:00 a.m. to entertain year-end transfer requests. The Board members were asked if they would like to attend and review the transfers at the same time. Since two members are unable to attend, the Board will meet on 7/9/12 at 6:30 p.m. instead.

Old Business:

Additional Employee Compensation

Based on review of additional information provided by the Town Accountant; the following motion was made:

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to approve additional compensation for Tracey Baronas and Leah Coburn in recognition of work done outside the scope of their responsibilities, specifically in the capacity of Town Coordinator in the absence of an individual in that position. Funding is to come from a residual remaining in the fiscal year 2012 Town Coordinator salary line in the amount of \$740.34. Seconded by Mark Thibodeau.

The payroll and vendor warrants were signed.

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to dissolve at 8:10 PM. Seconded by Mark Thibodeau.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey L. Baronas
Town Accountant