

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

MINUTES OF June 3, 2013

Present: Mark Thibodeau, Eileen Sauvageau, Jack Cavolick

Others Present: Paula Harrison – Office Clerk, Kevin Fox – Town Coordinator.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Eileen Savaugeau at 7:00 PM.

Warrant and Minutes

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to accept the minutes of May 20, 2013, Jack Cavolick seconded and it was voted unanimously.

The Select board signed the warrants.

Appointment

Emily Boss

Kevin informed the board that Emily Boss will reschedule for next meeting. No Action Taken.

New Business

Chapter 90 Requests (2)

Kevin explained that these Chapter 90 requests are related to; 1) the two dump bodies Scott Sullivan – Highway Superintendent had asked for a town meeting and 2) a glider kit which is the body and chassis of a truck.

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to sign the applications to the DOT Chapter 90 program for the equipment that was voted on at the Annual Town Meeting, Jack Cavolick seconded and it was voted unanimously.

Jack Cavolick asked if there has to be paperwork for Chapter 90 fund for the shed at the transfer station. Kevin informed Jack that Chapter 90 cannot be used for that project.

Award FY14 Fuel Bids (Diesel/#2 Heating Fuel)

Kevin explained the fuel bids to the Select board and informed the board that the town locked into the agreement on May 22nd. Diesel came in at \$3.65 and we budgeted \$4.50, heating oil came in at \$3.39 and we budgeted \$4.50 which leaves a \$18,570 surplus in these line items. Kevin informed the Board that the bid was awarded to Sandri's.

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to accept the bids for \$3.65/gallon for diesel and \$3.39/gallon for #2 heating fuel, Mark Thibodeau seconded and it was voted unanimously.

Approve/Sign Revised Weston and Sampson Contract

Kevin explained that there is a new contract with Weston and Sampson because the USDA was able to provide \$30,000 in funding instead of the original \$25,000 so the town is only responsible for \$5,000. The contract is the same with the exception of the funding amounts

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to accept the contract from Weston and Sampson for sanitary septic/sewer study through the USDA Search Grant, Jack Cavolick seconded, and it was voted unanimously.

Approve/Sign DEP Grant Application

Kevin explained that this DEP grant is from the Solid Waste District which we receive yearly for \$500. It has traditionally been used for copy paper but that is not allowed anymore, Kevin reads a list of allowed items. Scott Sullivan – Highway Superintendent would like to use it for backyard compost bins at \$40 each. He could get 12 of them and sell them at the transfer station at cost to the residents. Jack would like to know if the town could use this grant for multiple items instead of one of the same thing. Kevin will speak to Scott about this.

MOVED; Jack Cavolick moved to accept the grant and leave at Scott Sullivan’s discretion the purchase of the compost bins but we also suggest he look into pales and other containers and split up the distribution of the funds, Mark Thibodeau seconded and it was voted unanimously.

Approve/Sign Film Permit (Warner Brothers)

Kevin informed the board that the movie is already under way. They have already paid the permit fee and would like a copy of the permit once it is approved by the board, police, fire and highway. Lee – Representative for Warner Brothers has already provided a certificate of insurance.

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to approve the film permit from Warner Brothers for the filming at the covered bridge, Jack Cavolick seconded and it was voted unanimously.

Mark asked if Scott Sullivan has paved East Colrain Road, Kevin informed the board that this is scheduled for later on in the summer.

Not Anticipated
At time of posting

Town-Wide Forum – “Facing Emergencies” Panel discussion

The Board discussed whether the town wide forum scheduled on June 27th was something that was approved at a meeting. Jack informed the board that about 3 months ago he received a request from Jon Rehmus and the Colrain Contingency group that they would like to have a forum with all the Town’s First Responders. Jack informed the board that at that time the Board said okay. So that is the premise on which this meeting was set up. The Colrain Contingency will be using the school for this forum. Eileen stated that any group can have a forum and does not need approval from the Select Board. Discussion on what was written in the Colrain Clarion that Rebecca Tippens sends out on the internet and who would be the key players in an event of an emergency in the town.

Jack explained the Colrain Contingency group is interested in social justice and shutting Vermont Yankee down. He has tried to shift the forum focus to responding to all emergencies in town, primary natural emergencies not just nuclear response but roads being open, hurricane, flooding and safety during

evacuations. Jack believes the Town has all of these concerns answered with our emergency response trainings. This forum will be a benefit to bring groups together in order to understand the emergency responses the town already has in place. Discussion continued on this topic. The board feels that the town has emergency response protocol in place and has people who are well trained to serve in these response positions. Jack reads a letter received from the Colrain Contingency. The board would like the Colrain Contingency members to come to the next Select board meeting and talk about their concerns and what needs they think are not being met. Discussion continued on emergency response in town and how neighbors responded. Kevin will inform Rebecca Tippens the board has discussed the forum and would like this group to come into the next meeting and voice their concerns.

Code Red System

Kevin reminded Jack that they should start working on Code Red again. Jack explained how he plans to contact the residents in town in order to inform them that this service is available. Jack will make that a priority and get the letters out.

Memorial Hall

Kevin informed the Board that Phil Sherburne wanted to know if the town would be interested in listing Memorial Hall with a realtor. Jack asked if we have any liability with people walking around it in its current condition. Kevin informed the Board that it is not really a liability. Discussion on whether it is worth contracting with a realtor. The board does not have any interest in listing Memorial Hall with a realtor.

FRCOG – Master Plan for Colrain Center

Jack reviewed the meeting with Pat Smith from FRCOG regarding the Master Plan for the Colrain Center. Pat would like to hold a community walk and meeting Sunday, June 30th at 3 pm this would last about 45 minutes. The Board discussed the goals of the community meeting. Jack will contacted Ellen Weeks to see if she will be interested in coming to this meeting since she was involved in the last master planning session.

MOVED: MT moved to dissolve the meeting at 7:59 PM. Seconded by Jack Cavolick and it was voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Accepted by the Board of Selectmen

Paula Harrison
Office Clerk

Eileen Sauvageau - Chairman

Mark Thibodeau

Jack Cavolick

Documents

- Minutes 5-20-13
- Warrant
- Selectmen's FY14 Appointments
- Selectmen's Film Permit Policy
- FCSWD – DEP Grant
- Letter from Colrain Contingency – Town Wide Forum
- Weston & Sampson Revised contract