

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

MINUTES OF October 21, 2013

Present: Eileen Sauvageau, Mark Thibodeau, Jack Cavolick

Others Present: Karen Truehart, Garry Longe, Jason Haskins – Police Chief, Chris Lannon, Joe Kurland, Nina Martin-Anzuoni, Joan McQuade, Dottie Conway, Barb Chase, Heather Viens, Cynthia McLaughlin, Shawn Kimberley – Building Inspector, Jason Fenenc – Board of Health, John Ryan – Breezeway Farm, , Paula Harrison – Office Clerk and Library Trustee, Kevin Fox – Town Coordinator.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Eileen Sauvageau at 7:01 PM.

Meeting Minutes 9/23/13, 9/26/2013, 10/7/2013 and 10/15/2013

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to approve the minutes from 9/23/2013, Jack Cavolick seconded and it was voted unanimously.

Warrants were reviewed and signed by the Board.

Appointments

Library Trustee Paula Harrison Request from Trustees to consider the appointment of Cynthia McLaughlin to Board of Trustees to Fill Term of Resigned Member until the next election

Paula informed the board that the library Trustees have voted at their last meeting to recommend Cynthia McLaughlin as a Library Trustee.

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to appoint Cynthia McLaughlin to the Library Board of Trustees, Jack Cavolick seconded and it was voted unanimously.

Building Inspector and Board of Health Chairman RE: Bailey Block

Jack reviewed the complaint that was filed regarding the 1 Greenfield Road, Bailey Block, occupancy. Shawn received a letter of complaint on October 8, 2013 and October 9, 2013 wrote an enforcement letter and asked the Police Department to serve it. As of today it was not served. Shawn informed the board of the difficulties of proving occupancy. Jason Ferenc informed the board that it is more difficult to prove occupancy when the people own the property because as the owners they have the right to be on the property. Shawn has check with Town Clerk and the children are not enrolled as students in Colrain and one of the owners is registered here to vote but that was most likely done through the registry when they renewed their license. Shawn checked with Dottie Conway, Fire District, to see if there has been a request for the water to be turned on and there has not been such a request. Jason informed the Board that the Board of Health goal is to protect the citizens of Colrain concerning public health issues. The Board of Health would then assess what type of public health issues, if any, 1

Greenfield Road may have. If the building is not an actual threat to the public the Board of Health would develop a timetable to allow the owners to bring this property up to code. Joan McQuade informed the board that there are lights on at that residence at night and in the morning and the kids get up and go to school. Discussion regarding the previous condemning of the building and how that affects the current owner and their children. Jason explained the position the Board of Health faces in this situation. Discussion on what happens if a property owner does not have an occupancy permit and Septic (Title V) inspection. Jason informed the Board that a Title V inspection usually happens within 6 months after transfer of ownership. Eileen would like to have more of a dialog with the owners to be as helpful as the town can be toward this family. The board agreed they would like an update in a months' time to see the status of this situation.

Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing

Eileen called the meeting to order at 8:34PM and introduced John Ryan from Breezeway Farm Consulting.

John informed the board that this was advertised and post cards were mailed to parties of interest. John explained the ten points of interest. This is for the board to review and discuss tonight. John asked if there are any other projects the town would be interested in. Discussion on how the CDBG funds can help with blighted buildings. John reviewed eligible HUD projects with the Board. There was discussion on what is eligible as social service projects. Social service projects are limited to 25% of the total funding. Discussion on how the funding is divided between the towns. John explained to the board the importance of the community survey. It will be online on the Colrain website and paper copies will be at the Town Office and the Griswold Library. Discussion on whether the churches in the center of town can be incorporated in the grant. John informed the board that this was not an option because it is an enormous amount of work and extremely costly. John informed the board that there is an 18 month window to complete the project. John got the results of the income survey and received 100% of the survey and 100% were eligible. John will be back November 4th for the next meeting public hearing. Discussion on the improvement needed on River Street. Kevin informed the board of the schedule for accepting an engineering company. John informed that board that the contracted engineer will contact DOT to try to talk to the engineers in order that the projects; 112 bridge and River street, can compliments each other

Eileen Sauvageau closed the meeting. at 9:29pm.

Old Business

Update Select board on Transfer Station Expanded Services

Kevin updated the board on the potential expanded services. He informed that board that the town would not be able to cover the cost for additional services. The FCSWMD was discouraging this expansion. Discussion on how the recycling is divided and the bulky waste is tracked.

Not Anticipated

Approve/Sign Comm. Of MA Standard Contract – Local Cultural Council

Kevin explained this is the standard cultural council contract and is the same as previous years.

Moved: Mark Thibodeau moved that Eileen Sauvageau should sign the local cultural council grant, Jack Cavolick seconded and it was voted unanimously

**Recognition of Scott Sullivan – Achievement of the Rank of “Roads Scholar”
Baystate Roads Program**

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to formally recognize Scott Sullivan, Highway Superintendent, for becoming a Roads Scholar, Jack Cavolick seconded and it was voted unanimously.

Resident Complaint RE Unregistered Vehicles

Kevin informed the board of the complaint from Gail Sinistore of unregistered vehicles on Adamsville Road and Heath Road. The enforcement authority would be the Board. Kevin will view the sites and if verified will write a notification for the Board. The Board decided to allow 30 days to comply with by-law.

Approve/Sign Police Mutual Aid Agreement

Kevin informed the board that Jason would like to know if the board has any questions regarding the Police Mutual Aid. The Board did not have any questions.

MOVED: Jack Cavolick moved to approve and sign the police mutual aide agreement, Eileen Sauvageau seconded and it was voted unanimously.

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 PM. seconded by Jack Cavolick and it was voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Accepted by the Board of Selectmen

Kevin Fox
Town Coordinator

Eileen Sauvageau - Chairman

Mark Thibodeau

Jack Cavolick

Documents

- Warrants
- Minutes September 23, 2013, September 26, 2013, October 7, 2013 and October 15, 2013
- Letter from Massachusetts Cultural Council – for FY 2014 funds
- Baystate Roads Program – Scott Sullivan Achieve the rank of Roads Scholar
- Letter of Complaint – unregistered Cars – Gail Sinistore