

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

MINUTES OF November 18, 2013

Present: Mark Thibodeau, Jack Cavolick

Absent Eileen Sauvageau

Others Present: Don Fish – WMECo, Larry Shearer, John Ryan, Bill Storti, Paula Harrison – Office Clerk, Kevin Fox – Town Coordinator.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Thibodeau at 7:00 PM.

Meeting Minutes 10/21/13, 10/28/2013, 11/4/13 and 11/13/13

MOVED: Jack Cavolick moved to accept the minutes as presented 10/21/2013, 10/28/2013, 11/4/2013 and 11/13/2013, Mark Thibodeau seconded and it was voted unanimously.

Warrants were reviewed and signed by the Board.

Public Hearing

Western Massachusetts Electric company Seeking Permission to place two (2) poles on Christian Hill Road (Hearing Held in Accordance with MGL Chapter 166 Section 22)

Mark opened the public hearing for Western Massachusetts Electric Company. Kevin informed the board that all the abutters were notified. Don Fish from Western Mass Electric Company discussed the placement of the poles on Christian Hill Road and how the lines will change in that area.

MOVED: Jack Cavolick moved to accept Western Massachusetts Electric Company application to place two poles on Christian Hill in accordance with MGL Chapter 166 Section 22, Mark Thibodeau seconded and it was voted unanimously.

Pole hearing was closed at 7:08 pm

Appointments

Paula Harrison – Library Board of Trustees – Library update

Paula updated the board on library happenings. There was discussion on the Air-conditions project.

Authorized for the FRCOG to Contract on the Town's Behalf for the 2014 Franklin Regional Cooperative Fire Products and Services Bid

Kevin discussed the FRCOG Contract with the Board.

MOVED: Jack Cavolick moved to accept the authorization from FRCOG to accept contract for Franklin Regional Cooperative Fire Products and Services, Mark Thibodeau seconded and it was voted unanimously.

Proposed Petty Cash Policy

Kevin informed the board that Tracey Baronas – Town Accountant, has submitted a petty cash policy, as a result of our recent audit, and would like the board to

consider accepting as a Selectmen's policy. The Board reviewed the proposed policy.

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to accept the petty cash policy, Jack Cavolick seconded and it was voted unanimously.

Franklin County Regional Shelter Plan Addendum

Kevin explained this is an addendum to a regional mutual aid agreement. The board would like to review and have the FRCOG come to a future meeting to discuss the addendum.

Support Document for Community Innovation Challenge Grant

Kevin explained that the FRCOG asked for a letter of support for the Community Innovation Challenge Grant. Discussion on the grant.

MOVED: Jack Cavolick moved to generate a support document for the Community Innovation Challenge Grant, Mark Thibodeau seconded and it was voted unanimously.

Hampshire council of Governments Fixed Price Product Bid

Kevin explained that currently the town purchases their electricity from the HCOG and they are considering going to a fixed rate contract. Kevin recommended to proceed with this which will allow the Board to review the bids and choose whether you would like to participate.

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to participate in the fixed price product bid, Jack Cavolick seconded and it was unanimously.

Offer For Training Regarding Selectboard Role in Liquor Licensing

Kevin informed that Board that a member of FRCOG is offering a training on the Selectboard's role in liquor licensing. Jack will review the presentation and if there are any questions the FRCOG member will be invited to a future meeting.

Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing

Mark Thibodeau opened the CDBG public hearing at 8:30 pm.

John Ryan discussed the progress of the CDBG grant and what the next steps will be before the next public hearing.

MOVED: Jack Cavolick moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM. seconded by Mark Thibodeau 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

- Warrants
- Meeting minutes from 10/21/2013, 10/28/2013, 11/4/2013 and 11/13/2013
- Pole Hearing documentation for Christial Hill Road.
- Petty Cash proposed policy
- FRCOG – Mutual Aid Agreement
- FRCOG Community Innovation Challenge Grant
- HCOG – Letter regarding Rea-Time electricity Fixed Price product
- FRCOG – Training on Liquor and Licensing