

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

**MINUTES OF April 7, 2014**

Present: Eileen Sauvageau, Mark Thibodeau, Jack Cavolick,

Others Present Jason Ferenc, Marybeth Chichester, Nina Martin-Anzuoni, and Joe Kurland – Mohawk Regional School, Nicole Slowinski – Franklin Tech. School, Kevin Fox – Town Coordinator, Paula Harrison – Office Clerk.

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

Warrants were reviewed and signed.

**Minutes February 24, 2014**

**MOVED: Jack Cavolick moved to accept the minutes from February 24, 2014, Mark Thibodeau seconded and it was voted unanimously.**

**Minutes March 10, 2014 Joint with Finance Committee**

Appointments

**School Committee Rep's Quarterly Meeting – Joe Kurland and Nina Martin-Anzuoni and Nicole Slowinski – Franklin Tech. School Committee Representative**

Mark asked why the town are still paying the 8% for Rowe since they have pulled out of the district. Joe did speak to the chair of the school committee and he was not sympathetic toward the towns. Discussion on the transportation part of the budget. Kevin informed the board that the Rowe transportation was in the Rowe budget and the only part that was shared was the central office costs. The Board discussed with the committee members that the town population is aging and the student population is decreasing yet the budget continues to increase. There was discussion on the capital projects that are proposed for this years budget and the reason for these large repairs are many years of deferred maintenance even though the towns have been asking for building maintenance. Discussion on the whether or not the district needs all the school buildings. Joe discussed the regional agreement and the challenges of having all eight towns vote unanimously to close a building. Joe says regional transportation is suppose to be reimbursed 100%, other rural districts are having similar problems. Nina wanted to talk to our legislators regarding closing buildings. Discussion on the possibility of closing schools. Kevin informed the Board that schools have been closing all over the country. Jack asked if the Colrain Central School payback to the State is based on the outstanding due on the current mortgage of the school? Joe explained that the payback is based on how much the State put into the school over the past thirty years. Kevin informed the School Committee and the Board that the Town of

Buckland filed legislation to request relief from the state for these debts and received no support from the school committee or administration of the District. Nina informed the board that they would currently find a very different school committee today. Discussion on the previous results of the last long term committee. Discussion on the meeting coming up regarding using the Colrain School for other functions. This has been proposed by the Superintendent. Discussion regarding the Gateway Regional School system which has recently closed a school. Joe says that last time we asked that MSBA to forgive the loans their response was if we do that for you we will have to do that for all the other districts.

Nicole Slowinski presented the Franklin Tech budget and informed the Board that the capital projects will not affect the FY15. Nicole reviewed the previous capital requests and what is coming up. She believes that there may be an 85% reimbursement. Discussion on the assessment to the towns and that it has increased and that the Tech School is aware that the towns are working on a tight budget. Further discussion on the Tech School budget.

#### New Business

##### **CCS Lease**

Jason Fenenc informed the Board that he has reviewed the existing lease of the CCS. The school district has the right to renew for an additional 20 years. Jason discussed the package of amendments with the Board. This covers basic subjects like insurance, and to comply with the town regulations such as Board of Health, Zoning, Building regulations etc. Discussion on how this will be proposed to the School Committee and that they will have to review and vote on it. Jason explained if the amendment conflicts with the lease then the amendment will overrides the original lease. Jason informed the Board that he thinks that everything the town is asking for is reasonable and the school has agreed to most or all of these conditions with the Town of Heath.

**MOVED: Mark Thibodeau motioned to approve the amendments for the Colrain Central School Lease and recommends that Jason send this to the School Committee, Jack Cavolick seconded and it was voted unanimously.**

##### **To Discuss Strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body, Executive Session Possible**

**MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau makes a motion to go into executive session under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A Section 21(a)(1) To Discuss Strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body, Mark Thibodeau seconded and it was voted unanimously.**

Executive session role call at 8:00 PM

**Eileen Sauvageau moved to close the executive session under MGL chapter 30A, sec 21(a)(1) at 8:29 PM.**

Not Anticipated  
At time of Meeting

### **1 Greenfield Road**

Jason informed the Board that the condemnation hearing for 1 Greenfield Road is Thursday, April 10, 2013 at 6:00 pm. Discussion and update on how and why the dumpster is currently being emptied.

### **Lease Agreement with AT & T – Cell Tower at Transfer Station**

Kevin presented the lease agreement from AT & T. He informed the Board that it is all ready for the Boards review and signature. Discussion on the rental fees and general review of the lease. Jack asked if the town will be responsible for the maintenance of the road that leads to the transfer station. Kevin says that will still be the responsibility of the town. Kevin informed the board that the town will be able to tax the cell tower

**MOVED Mark Thibodeau moved to sign and accept the AT & T lease agreement for a Cell Tower at the Transfer Station, Jack Cavolick seconded and it was voted unanimously.**

### **IT Proposal Update**

Kevin informed the Board that the original bids was \$38,600. Since then we have had meeting with Northeast IT and reduced the price to \$30,615 for the networking, equipment and labor. And there is a cost of \$399 for managed services per month with a one year commitment. Kevin informed the Board that there will be an article on the Special Town Warrant for \$7,500 for addition IT costs.

### **Chapter 90 Request for Reimbursement and Final Report**

Kevin informed the Board that the cost of River Street came out less than anticipated. Discussion on the adjustment of cost for this project.

**MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to sign and date the chapter request for the River Street project for \$20,025 and that the Board sign the Chapter 90 final report for the River Street project of \$20,025, Jack Cavolick seconded and it was voted unanimously.**

New Business

### **Chapter 90 Request Engineering Services for CDBG - DR**

Kevin informed that Board of a CDBG grant to renovate the Highway garage. Kevin asked Weston and Sampson if they would provide a proposal for engineering services to see if this is a viable project. Kevin recommended that the Board wait until the Chapter 90 funds come in in order to contract for the engineering services of \$9,500. Jack asked once this is engineered will it have to have architectural drawings? Kevin informed the Board yes but first we have to get this engineered in order to see if we qualify for the grant.

**MOVED: Jack Cavolick moved to approve Chapter 90 project request for engineering services for a Town Highway garage grant for \$9,500, Mark Thibodeau seconded and it was voted unanimously.**

### **Approve FY 15 ATM Warrant**

Kevin informed the Board that there were 5 proposed zoning bylaws additions. Articles 48-53 all the other articles are the same as previously presented. Discussion on the articles for the zoning bylaws. Discussion on the commercial

campground proposed bylaw. Discussion on the sewage aspect of a commercial campground. Jason checked the State regulations and any campgrounds would need to comply with the Title V standards. Jack asked that these articles have to go to meeting as presented. It was explained that the Board can recommend or not recommend any article at the Town Meeting. Jack would like to have the planning board to our next meeting for discussion. Discussion on the current bylaws and if the board wanted to consider repealing and go back to old bylaws. Kevin informed the Board that at their next meeting to make their recommendations for each articles. Jack would like to talk to Joan Rockwell about the specifics about these articles. There was discussion on how an amendment would be introduced at the ATM.

**MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to accept the Annual Town Meeting Warrant as presented to the Board, Jack Cavolick seconded and it was voted unanimously.**

#### **Approve FY 14 STM Warrant**

Kevin informed the Board that there are six article for the Special Town Meeting for unexpected/unplanned expenses. Kevin discussed the articles with the Board. Discussion on the Veterans Benefits and what the current regulations are on veteran benefits. This will be reimbursed 75% in the subsequent year. Kevin informed Jack that if he has further questions he could contact Mark Fitzpatrick our current Veterans Agent. Discussion on the requirements for claiming these benefits.

**MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to accept the Special Town Meeting Warrant, Jack Cavolick seconded and it was voted unanimously.**

Old Business

#### **Smith Bridge – Opening to Vehicular Traffic Update**

Kevin presented a letter from MassDOT regarding the requirements for opening the bridge to vehicular traffic. The board agrees that it will add a liability to the town and agreed to leave the bridge open to pedestrian traffic only.

#### **Town Coordinators Position/Contract**

Kevin advised the Board to postpone this until after town meeting. No Action Taken.

Not Anticipated  
At Time of Posting

#### **Shelburne Falls Trolley Museum -Request to Use Smith Bridge for a dinner**

Kevin informed the Board that the Trolley Museum would like to use the bridge for a dinner. Discussion on whether the Board would allow this dinner and if they would waive the policy for alcohol beverages. There was discussion on parking for this function.

**MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to allow the Shelburne Falls Trolley Museum to have a dinner on the Arthur Smith Bridge without alcohol, Mark seconded and it was voted unanimously.**

**MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to dissolve the meeting at 10:00 PM, Jack Cavolick seconded and it was voted unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Accepted by the Board of Selectmen

Paula Harrison  
Office Clerk

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Eileen Sauvageau - Chairman

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Mark Thibodeau

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Jack Cavolick

## Documents

- Minutes of February 24, 2014
- Minutes of March 10, 2014
- Cell Tower Lease
- Northeast IT – Managed Network Services & Support Agreement
- MassDOT Chapter 90 requests – River Street engineering, Town Highway Garage
- Weston & Sampson – Proposal for Engineering Services – Town Highway Garage
- Annual Town Meeting Warrant
- FY15 budget
- Special Town Meeting Warrant May 6, 2104
- Notice of Nonevidentairy Hearing – Paula Giard
- Mass DOT letter regarding A. Arthur Smith Covered Bridge open to vehicular traffic
- CCS lease – Draft
- Employment Agreement between Town of Colrain and Town Coordinator
- Shelburne Falls Trolley Museum – letter requesting use of covered bridge
- Talking Points for FY 15 Capital Assessment – Regional Schools