

Town of Colrain
Select Board
Select Board Meeting Room
Town Offices
55 Main Road
7:00 PM

**MINUTES OF SELECT BOARD
October 6, 2014**

Present: Eileen Sauvageau, Chair; Mark Thibodeau; Jack Cavolick

Others Present: Jason Haskins, Police Chief; Tracey Baronas, Accountant; Paula Harrison; Office Clerk; Kevin Fox, Town Coordinator

Chair, Eileen Sauvageau called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Approve Minutes and Warrants:

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to approve the minutes of 7/21/2014 and 8/4/2014.
Jack Cavolick seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Appointments: Police Chief Departmental Update

Jason Haskins provided an update on police presence in schools. Discussion followed on other schools in the area and how they handle the officers and whether they are in the school or an officer on call just for the school. Discussion regarding mutual aid agreements and timeliness of receiving calls from Shelburne Control. Discussion on insurance on the police equipment and inventory. Jason updated the Board on the police department hours, operations, decision making process and scheduling patrols.

New Business: Approval Advance of Funds in Lieu of Borrowing

Kevin reviewed why there is a need for borrowing at this time of year.

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to sign the Advance of Funds in Lieu of Borrowing Report for \$299,000.

Jack Cavolick seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Sign CIC Grant Letter of Support – Regional Dog Kennel Expansion

Kevin Explained that the CIC is looking for a new place to put a kennel and is looking for a grant to aid in this process.

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to sign the CIC grant letter of support.

Jack Cavolick seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Appoint Town Coordinator as Foreclosed Property Custodian

Kevin explained that Kris has been appointed to be the custodian. He would like to keep the momentum on the auction and foreclosure of properties moving forward and asked that he be appointed as the Custodian.

MOVED: Jack Cavolick moved to appoint Kevin Fox to fill the role as the custodian until a new treasurer can fill that role.

Mark Thibodeau seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Rescind Previous Vote to Accept Treasurer's resignation effective 10/14/14 and Vote to Accept Treasurer's Resignation effective 11/1/14

Kevin explained the Kris has agreed to continue as treasurer until 11/1/2014.

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to rescind the previous vote on 9/22/20214.

Jack Cavolick seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to reappoint Kris Nartowicz as treasurer.

Jack Cavolick seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to accept the resignation of Kris Nartowicz as of 11/1/2014.

Jack Cavolick seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Treasurer Position Update

Kevin informed the Board that there is one applicant, and he is very qualified. Kevin would like to know if he is the only applicant, could he set up an interview and make a recommendation to the Board. The Board agreed.

FY 15 Tax Rate

Kevin informed the Board that the tax rate went up by \$0.32.

Approve Chapter 90 Reimbursement Request and Final Report

Kevin informed the Board this is to be reimbursed for the woodchipper the highway department purchased.

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to sign the Chapter 90 reimbursement request and the Final Report.

Jack Cavolick seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

FY 15 Community Development Strategy

Kevin informed the Board that this is for your information and review and is part of the application process he will be working on over the next few weeks.

Vote to Sign Warrant for State Elections

Kevin informed the Board that he has the warrants for the state elections and the town clerk has asked for the Boards approval. Review of the warrant and how they are generated by the Town Clerk.

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to sign the warrant for the State election.

Jack Cavolick seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Formation of Economic Development Committee

Jack briefed the Board regarding the meeting on Sunday and Monday for the Master Plan and North River Study. He had two people show interest in joining, however, they do not have the time to give this committee. So, as necessary for the revitalization of the center of town, he is going to withdraw this request.

Old Business: Sewer Project Status Update (if necessary)

Kevin updated the Board that he has contacted Barnhardt, and they are still working on the agreement for the project. Discussion on what houses are connected to the Griswoldville Sewer District. Jack and Joan Rockwell will meet with Kevin next week regarding the Griswoldville Sewer District.

Other Grant Updates (if necessary)

Kevin informed the Board that we have received the draft feasibility study report for the Highway garage. Discussion on the Draft study and details that need to be discussed.

Unanticipated: Cell tower Update

Kevin informed the board that AT & T will begin paying the lease this month and it is an automatic payment.

Free Cash Notification

Kevin informed the Board the Town's FY2014 Free Cash was certified at \$354,414, a substantial increase over the two previous years.

Temporary Note for New Fire Truck

Kevin explained that the Town has to temporarily borrow the funds for the fire truck because the company will need payment upon receipt. The temporary note will be replaced by the USDA 15-year loan upon closing.

Letter from Town of Charlemont

Kevin informed the Board that the Town has asked if the Board would like to participate in a meeting with the MTRSD School Committee to discuss the future school budget.

Reserve Fund – Request to Cover Town Owned Property

Kevin explained that he must insure the two houses that were taken by the Town and needs to ask for a reserve fund transfer to cover these insurance costs. Kevin reviewed the McCloud property, and that the eviction process has started. Discussion on the lien and how it is enforced.

Town Administrator Updates: None

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to dissolve the meeting at 8:39 pm.
Jack Cavolick seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Harrison
Office Clerk

Accepted by the Select Board

Eileen Sauvageau - Chair

Mark Thibodeau

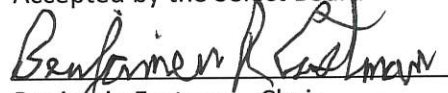
Jack Cavolick

Minutes originally taken by Paula Harrison and typed by Marjorie Smith for approval by the current Select Board members. The current Board members accept the minutes as written on 8/8/2023, for the purpose of putting the minutes on record, as they were not accepted around the time of the original meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Smith
Administrative Assistant

Accepted by the Select Board


Benjamin Eastman - Chair


W. Thomas Griffin


Emily Thurber

Documents:

Select Board Meeting Notes

Advance of Funds in Lieu of Borrowing Report

Email from Ted Harvey, FRCOG, dated 9/29/2014 re: Franklin County Regional Dog Shelter CIC Grant
FY15 CIC Grant Application

Copy of MA General Law Chapter 60 Section 77B

Chapter 90 Reimbursement Request Form re: Woodchipper

Schmidt Equipment Invoice – marked Paid

Email from Scott Sullivan dated 9/11/2014 re: Woodchipper Purchase

Copy of Cancelled Check for Purchase of Woodchipper

Chapter 90 Final Report re: Woodchipper

2014 Community Development Strategy for the Town of Colrain

Email from MA DOR dated 10/3/2014 re: Free Cash Certification

The Commonwealth of MA Certificate of Town Clerk Town Treasurer's Record re: Temporary Borrowing for Fire
Truck

Letter from Town of Charlemont dated 9/29/2014 re: Request to Join Meeting with MTRSD School Committee