

Town of Colrain
Select Board Meeting
55 Main Road/Town Office Building
7:00 P.M.
MINUTES OF March 22, 2017

Present: Mark Thibodeau, Eileen Sauvageau, Jack Cavolick

Others Present Paula Harrison – Collector/Treasurer, Kevin Fox – Town Coordinator, Colleen Worden-Office Clerk, Bill Stathis, Fran Ryan, Joe Kurland, Rebecca Tippens, Patience Lowe, Scott Sylvester, Ann Martin, Mandi Ryan, Sean Ryan, Thomas Norwood, Christa Snyder, Pat Geary, Carol Adams, David Adams, Ben Gervais, Officer Gary Downer, Mark Thibodeau, Eileen Sauvageau, and Jack Cavolick Animal Control Officer.

Dog Hearing:

Mark Thibodeau opened the Dog Hearing at 3:00PM.
Mark Thibodeau swore in all parties that intend to speak. Jack Cavolick recused himself from the outcome vote.

This Hearing has been called to address complaints regarding a dog owned by Mandi Ryan.

Jack Cavolick explained to the Board that a certified letter was sent to the Ryan's notifying them of a hearing that was to be held on February 15, 2017 concerning the dog complaints. The hearing was canceled and rescheduled for March 22, 2017 due to lack of a quorum.

Jack Cavolick recited a list of complaints concerning the Ryan's dog with the first one being in January of 2017, when the Ryan's dog was accused of attacking two neighborhood dogs on the same day while the owners were walking their dogs on a public way. Christa Snyder from 12 High Street testified that her dog has been attacked at least three times by the Ryan's dog Tank which resulted in veterinarian care due to the injuries sustained in the altercation. Ann Martin of 1 Church Street testified her dog was attacked by the Ryan's dog. Ms. Martin stated that she has spoken to Mr. Ryan about the dog running loose through the neighborhood and was assured that the dog would be secured and this would not happen again. Ms. Martin stated that this was a promise that has been broken several times. Francis Ryan assured the Board that he will install a secure fence around the property to keep the dog restrained at all times, he also agreed to make any modifications the Board deemed necessary.

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to close the testimony portion of the hearing at 4:04. Eileen Sauvageau seconded. Voted unanimous.

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to declare the dog a nuisance dog and ordered the following conditions:

Owners must comply to the following conditions:1) that the dog be confined to the premises of the keeper of the dog; provided, however, that "confined" shall mean securely confined indoors or confined outdoors in a securely enclosed and

locked pen or dog run area upon the premises of the owner or keeper; provided further, that such pen or dog run shall have a secure roof and, if such enclosure has no floor secured to the sides thereof, the sides shall be embedded into the ground for not less than 2 feet; and provided further, that within the confines of such pen or dog run, a dog house or proper shelter from the elements shall be provided to protect the dog, and that when removed from the premises of the owner or the premises of the person keeping the dog, the dog shall be securely and humanely muzzled and restrained with a chain or other tethering device having a minimum tensile strength of 300 pounds and not exceeding 3 feet in length. 2) That within 2 weeks of 3/22/17 the detailed plans for the proposed enclosure be submitted to the Selectmen for review and approval. It is anticipated these plans will be reviewed by the Selectmen at their meeting to be held on 4/10/17 at 3PM in the Colrain Town Office. Mark Thibodeau seconded. Voted unanimous.

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to close the hearing. Mark Thibodeau seconded. Voted unanimous.

Jack Cavolick opened the Board of Selectmen's meeting at 4:20PM.

Appointments:

Crocker Communication

Bill Stathis attended the meeting to give the board on an update. Bill stated that MBI has asked Crocker to select a number of Towns that would be willing to proceed to build out without a take rate and they are selecting Colrain as one of those towns. Crocker will provide Town with a buyout option and each town will decide if they want to participate. Crocker should be hearing from MBI in the next couple of weeks. Bill will be back with more information as soon as it becomes available.

Review Highway Garage Clerk of the Works Proposals:

Kevin has solicited four quotes to provide clerk of the works services for the highway project. After a brief discussion it was decided by the Board that they would accept the proposal of Peter Hillman.

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to approve Peter Hillman as the clerk of the works for the Highway Garage proposal. Mark Thibodeau seconded. Voted unanimous.

MTWP Municipal Energy Information:

Scott Sylvester attended the meeting to give the Board an update on the Green Community Program. Scott explained that one of the ideas discussed is was the potential of reducing heating costs by switching from oil to an energy efficient wood heating system. Scott is asking the Board to sign an authorization to do a study on systems that are now in place in municipal buildings.

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau move to allow Jack Cavolick to sign the Mass Energy Insight Authorization letter. Mark Thibodeau seconded. Voted unanimous.

FY18 Budget Discussions:

Kevin gave a brief update on the status of the FY18 Budget.

Weston &Sampson Engineer Contract for Highway Project:

Discussion to follow.

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to sign a notice to proceed with phase 4 services of the contract, construction administration for the Highway Facility Construction project and to extend the contract to March 31, 2018. Mark Thibodeau seconded. Voted unanimous.

Scott Sullivan spoke to Scott Denison regarding a possible rental agreement while the Highway Garage is under construction. A tentative rent of \$2,000.00 per month was discussed with Mr. Denison which includes heat and electricity.

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to authorize Kevin to continue negotiations with Mr. Denison for a rent of a \$2,000.00 per month. Eileen Sauvageau seconded. Voted unanimous.

Rebecca Tippens attended the meeting to discuss with the Board the steps she needs to take to start an Energy Committee in town.

Patience Lowe attended the meeting to complain about the parking on Church Street. She was advised by the Board to contact the Colrain Police Dept.

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to close the meeting. Meeting closed at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Accepted by the Board of Selectmen

Paula Harrison
Office Clerk

Eileen Sauvageau

Mark Thibodeau

Jack Cavolick chairman

Documents

Email from Bill Stathis

Email from Peggy Sloan

Hearing procedure

Highway Clerk of the Works Proposals