

Town of Colrain
Select Board Meeting
55 Main Road/Town Office Building
5:30 P.M.
MINUTES OF January 14, 2019

Present: Mark Thibodeau, Jack Cavolick, Eileen Sauvageau

Others present Kevin Fox Town Coordinator, Colleen Worden-Office Clerk, Danielle Grenier-Animal Control Officer, Jennifer Norwood, Aiden Norwood, Glenda Wood, Jamie Jefferson, Therese Fitzsimmons, Shawn Caron, Martha Caron, Art Churchill, Don Stetson, Jonathan Lagreze, Peter Brooks, Jackson McLeod, Ian Larson, Bryan Roach,

Eileen Sauvageau opened the meeting at 5:30

Dog Complaint Hearing:

Animal Control Officer Danielle Grenier and several affected neighbors were sworn in by Select Board Chairman Eileen Sauvageau.

Animal Control Officer Danielle Grenier has requested a hearing regarding a complaint against 2 dogs owned by Art Churchill.

Danielle gave the Board an update on the incidences that have occurred in the last year, where several neighbors have had their fowl killed by Mr. Churchill's dogs. Several of them have had this happen multiple times and are asking the board to do something about it. Mr. Churchill agreed that his dogs have killed several of the neighbors animals and is willing to do whatever is necessary to assure his neighbors that it will not happen again. Mr. Churchill explained that he currently has a 7 foot fence in his yard and the dogs are on "lock down" which he described as not being let out of the house unattended.

Discussion ensued. Eileen explained the difference between a nuisance dog and a dangerous dog.

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to determine the dogs as nuisance dogs. Jack Cavolick seconded. Voted unanimous. Eileen – Yes Mark –Yes Jack- Yes

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved 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 that is at least 8 feet in height, embedded into the ground for not less than two feet and constructed with a two foot kick back and, that when removed from the premises of the owner or the premises of the person keeping the dogs, the dog shall be securely and humanely restrained with a chain or other tethering device having a minimum tensile strength of 300 pounds. The Selectmen have further ordered that the pen be completely erected as described above by no later than April, 20, 2019.

Animal Control Officer Danielle Grenier will report back to the Board when work is completed.

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to close the hearing at 6:12. Jack Cavolick seconded. Voted unanimous

Eileen Sauvageau opened the Select Board Meeting at 6:14

Reimbursement Request Chapter 90 for Engineering:

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to approve the Chapter 90 reimbursement request for the Small Bridge Grant for the Route 112 engineering. Jack Cavolick seconded. Voted unanimous.

Letter to MassDEP. RE: 401 Water Quality Certificate for the Adamsville Rd. over the Tisdell Brook Bridge Replacement Project:

The Town engineer is asking the Board for a letter of support that would expedite the MassDEP review of the 401 Water Quality Certificate for the Adamsville Rd. over the Tisdell Bridge replacement project.

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to send a letter of support to the MassDEP. Jack Cavolick seconded. Voted unanimous.

Boot Drive Permission Request:

The Colrain Firefighters Association is seeking permission to hold a boot drive on Sunday, February 24, 2019 from 8:00am-5:00pm in front of the Colrain Central School. The police chief suggested that the time be changed to 4:00 as it may be dark by 5:00.

MOVED: Jack Cavolick moved to approve the Boot Drive request from 8:00am -4:00pm. Mark Thibodeau seconded. Voted unanimous.

Notice of 21 Day Public Comment Period 2009 TIP:

Mark Thibodeau requested that the “notice of 21 day comment” be added the agenda. He explained to the Board that he does not agree that money set aside for the Scenic by way should be used by the Franklin Land Trust. Kevin stated that the deadline for comment is today. The Board requested that this remain as “Old Business” on future agendas.

Continued Host Agreement between The Town of Colrain and Atlantic Farms Inc. For the Suiting of a Recreational Marijuana Establishment:

Discussion ensued.

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to sign the Host agreement between the Town of Colrain and Atlantic Farms Inc. Jack Cavolick seconded. Voted unanimous.

Energy Committee/Jim Barry (MA DOER)-Green Community Designation and Next Step:

Members of the Energy Committee attended the meeting and explained to the Board their recommendations on how they feel the best way to spend the \$130,000 grant.

Discussion ensued. The energy committee recommended that the best way to start would be to use approx. \$32,000 to finish insulating the Highway Garage. The Board agreed. The Energy Committee will prepare the grant application for insulating the Highway and will bring it back to the Board for their signature.

Direct Local Technical Assistance Project Request:

Kevin presented the Board with his suggestions for the DLTA priority list . The Board has not had time to review but will do so and will send Kevin their recommendations.

Class II and III License-M&T Auto Renewals:

Mark Scranton has submitted a request for his class II and III license renewal, all fees and taxes have been paid.

MOVED: Jack Cavolick moved to approve the Class II and III Auto license for Mark Scranton. Mark Thibodeau seconded. Voted unanimous.

Class II License-Marty’s Repair:

Martin Bird has submitted a request for his Class II license renewal, all taxes and fees have been paid.
MOVED: Jack Cavolick moved to approve the Class II license for Marty's Repair. Mark Thibodeau seconded. Voted unanimous.

Common Victualler License Renewal-Pine Hill Orchard and Catamount Country Store:

MOVED: Jack Cavolick moved to issue a Common Victualler license to Catamount Country Store and Pine Hill Orchards. Mark Thibodeau seconded. Voted unanimous.

Road Discontinuance Recommendations and Discussion:

Tabled until next meeting. The Highway Superintendent is still working on them.

Unanticipated at time

Of posting:

Jonathon Lagreze attended the meeting to speak to the Board about his loss of website access.

Discussion ensued. Eileen Sauvageau abruptly closed the meeting.

Jack Cavolick moved to close the meeting at 8:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Worden
Office Clerk

Accepted by the Board of Selectmen

Eileen Sauvageau-Chairman

Mark Thibodeau

Jack Cavolick

Documents

- Dog Hearing Procedures
- Department of Energy Sources-Designation of Green Community letter
- Grant Application Guidance
- Technical Assistance Request Form