

Town of Colrain
Select Board Meeting
55 Main Road/Town Office Building
5:30 P.M.
MINUTES OF February 4, 2019

Present: Mark Thibodeau, Eileen Sauvageau, Jack Cavolick
Others present: Kevin Fox-Town Coordinator, Colleen Worden-Office Clerk, Tom Scanlon-Scanlon & Associates, Paula Harrison-Treasurer/Tax Collector, Dave Fierro-Town Accountant, Michael Shuipis, and Elizabeth Erikson-Energy Committee, and Alice Wozniak

Appointments: **Tom Scanlon-FY 18 Audit Results:**

Tom Scanlon attended the meeting to give the Board the results of the FY-18 audit. Tom explained that the Town is in a lot better place than we were a year ago and feels that is due to the change in personnel. He explained the management report to the Board and informed them that the Town has a clean opinion and is in a better place when they go to secure a bond.

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to accept Tom Scanlon’s FY-18 audit results. Jack Cavolick seconded. Voted unanimous.

Michael Shuipis- Broadband Project Update:

Michael Shuipis attended the meeting to give the Board an update on the Broadband project. Michael stated that the Fiber Hut has been ordered and they are waiting for approval from the ZBA on the site. The Broadband Committee has discussed inserting an informational flyer in the March tax bills. Michael explained that there is still a bit of work to be done, for example a domain name has to be secured, a meeting will have to be set up with a financial advisor to review financing. He also advised the Board that there are a few houses in bordering towns that have expressed interest in joining in with Colrain and the other Towns would pay all costs to construct and Colrain will own the network and the customer. Michael stated that Westfield Gas & Electric has been good to work with.

Highway Superintendent Recommendation to Remove Chris Rowland from Probationary Status:

Scott Sullivan has submitted a letter recommending that Chris Rowland be put on “Permanent” status. Kevin agrees with Scott’s recommendation.

MOVED: Jack Cavolick moved to accept Scott’s recommendation to move Chris Rowland to permanent status. Mark Thibodeau seconded. Voted unanimous.

Unanticipated at time
Of posting:

Energy Committee:

Energy Committee member Elizabeth Erikson attended the meeting to ask the Board to sign an application for the Green Communities Grant Project to do the insulation project at the Highway Garage.

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to have Chairman Eileen Sauvageau sign the application for the Green Communities Grant Project for the Highway Garage Insulation Project. Jack Cavolick seconded. Voted unanimous.

Mark Thibodeau moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00. Jack Cavolick seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Worden
Office Clerk

Accepted by the Board of Selectmen

Eileen Sauvageau - Chairman

Mark Thibodeau

Jack Cavolick

Documents

Town of Colrain Management Letter

Letter of Recommendation-Scott Sullivan