

Town of Colrain
Select Board
Select Board Meeting Room
Town Offices
55 Main Road
5:30 PM

MINUTES OF SELECT BOARD

March 18, 2019

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

Others Present: Colleen Worden, Office Clerk; Scott Sullivan, Highway Superintendent; Joan McQuade; Deb Wheeler; Guy Wheeler; Heather Sonn; Grace Bird, The Recorder; Joe Kurland; Chris Lannon, Police Chief; Kevin Fox, Town Coordinator

Eileen Sauvageau called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Appointments: Scott Sullivan – April Highway Department Work Plan

Scott presented the Board with his proposed work plan for the month of April for the Boards review and explained that he is aware of the mud problems in town and his crew has been working on the problem daily. Scott stated that he expects to have the mud problem under control by the end of the week and asked the Board if they would consider letting the department start their 10-hour, 4-day week summer schedule immediately. The Board denied the request.

Chief Lannon – Officer Resignation and Recommendation of Officer Appointment

Chris requested the Board accept the resignation of police officer Jenna Hayes and is asking the Board to consider the appointment of Heather Sonn. Chris explained that Heather completed the part-time police academy a couple of years ago and would be a good fit for the department. The Board decided that after the appropriate papers were filled out, they would consider the appointment, and accepted the resignation of Officer Hayes.

New Business: FY20 Budget Sidewalk Snow Removal

Scott researched snow removal equipment for the Jacksonville Rd Bridge. Kevin has included the proposal in the draft Capital Plan for FY20 at a cost of approx. \$140,000. Scott also received a quote to contract for the snow removal at a cost of \$150.00 per storm. Kevin and Scott recommend that at this time contracting out the snow removal would be the best option. Kevin stated that he has adjusted the FY20 Highway Proposed Budget to include \$3,000 for contracted snow removal ($\$150 \times 20 = \$3,000$).

FY20 Budget Discussion

A general discussion was had. No action taken.

Short Term Rental Tax Discussion

Kevin explained that new legislation has been approved allowing for a local option tax on short-term rentals. A general discussion was had. The Board decided to not pursue this as a warrant article for FY20 ATM.

Letter from Franklin County Land Trust RE: D2R2 Bike Ride

The Franklin County Land Trust sent the Town a letter informing the Board of the annual D2R2 bike ride that will be going through Town on August 17, 2019.

Nomination of Animal Inspector

Kevin presented the Board with the nomination of animal inspector's paperwork for their review. The Board agreed to nominate Danielle Grenier as Inspector of Animals.

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to nominate Danielle Grenier as Animal Inspector.
Jack Cavolick seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Old Business: Seasonal Road Discontinuance

Scott presented the Board with a list of proposed roads that he would like the Town to seasonally discontinue in the winter months; Barber Hill Rd, Cook Forest Rd, Hager Cross Rd, Hillman Rd from Roger King's to Thom Griffins, Lyonsville Rd from Foundry Village Rd to the covered bridge, Maxam Rd Ext, Panel Hill Rd, Stacey Rd from Ethan O'Brien's to the end, Stetson Brothers Rd from Martin's farm to Buffet's, South Catamount Hill Rd.

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to discontinue the winter maintenance on all 10 roads; Barber Hill Rd, Cook Forest Rd, Hager Cross Rd, Hillman Rd from Roger King's to Thom Griffins, Lyonsville Rd from Foundry Village Rd to the covered bridge, Maxam Rd Ext, Panel Hill Rd, Stacey Rd from Ethan O'Brien's to the end, Stetson Brothers Rd from Martin's farm to Buffet's, South Catamount Hill Rd.

Jack Cavolick seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Arthur Smith Opening to Vehicular Traffic

Kevin presented to the Board letters from the Highway Superintendent, Fire Chief and Police Chief recommending not opening the Bridge to vehicular traffic. The Board agreed that more time was needed to review this issue and will revisit this at a future meeting.

Unanticipated: Approve Select Board Minutes of 2/19/2019

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to accept the minutes of 2/19/2019

Jack Cavolick seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Town Administrator Updates: None

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to dissolve the meeting at 8:05 pm.

Jack Cavolick seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Worden
Office Clerk

Accepted by the Select Board

Eileen Sauvageau - Chair

Mark Thibodeau


Jack Cavolick

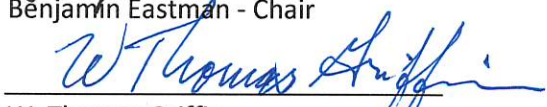
Minutes originally taken by Colleen Worden and typed by Marjorie Smith for approval by the current Select Board members. The current Board members accept the minutes as written on 8/8/2023, for the purpose of putting the minutes on record, as they were not accepted around the time of the original meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Smith
Administrative Assistant

Accepted by the Select Board


Benjamin Eastman - Chair


W. Thomas Griffin


Emily Thurber

Documents:

Select Board Meeting Notes

Nomination Letter and Form for the Inspector of Animals from the Commonwealth of MA Department of Agriculture

Memo from Scott Sullivan, Highway Superintendent, re: Discontinuing Winter Maintenance on 10 Roads in Colrain