Town of Colrain

Select Board Meeting

Remote Conference Call-in

6 P.M.

# MINUTES OF JUNE 22, 2020

**Present** Joe Kurland, Mark Thibodeau, Mike Slowinski

**Others Present** Betsy Shuipis, Administrative Asst., Kevin Fox, Town Administrator

The meeting, held remotely through conference call-in, was called to order by Mark Thibodeau, Chair, at 6 p.m.

**Appointments No appointments**

**New Business** **Select Board Re-organization**

**MOVED:** Joe Kurland moved to appoint Mark as Chair of the Select Board. Mike Slowinski seconded. **Roll Call: all ayes.**

**MOVED:** Mike Slowinski moved to appoint Joe Kurland as Vice Chairman of the Select Board, Mark Thibodeau seconded. **Roll Call: all ayes.**

**MOVED**: Mark Thibodeau moved to appoint Mike Slowinski as Clerk of the Select Board. Joe Kurland seconded. **Roll Call: all ayes.**

**Select Board FY21 Meeting Schedule**

It was decided that the Select Board meetings would be held at 6 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month (pending Joe Kurland checking his schedule). There was discussion about meeting in person. Only the Highway Garage meeting met the criteria of having a phone, wi-fi and a large enough space. The Board, with prior consultation with Board of Health, would have to lift the order that prohibits the public to enter the Town Offices.

The next meeting will be July 7.

**Order of Alteration of Layout of Portions of Main Road, Jacksonville Road, and Greenfield Road**

The Planning Board reviewed and made their recommendations. Once the Board members sign the Order of Alteration of Layout, it can be sent to the Town Clerk to be voted on at a Special Town Meeting.

**MOVED: Joe Kurland moved to sign the Offer of Layout of Main Road, Jacksonville Road and Greenfield Road. Mark Thibodeau seconded. Roll Call: all ayes**

**FY21 Annual Town Meeting Wrap-Up**

Will the school budget pass or will it be a 1/12 budget? Kate Barrows speculated at Town Meeting that the school would not get the 14 out of 16 points needed to pass the budget and that the town would be given a 1/12 assessment, which is inaccurate. The school district cannot assess a town. The Town will get a revised budget. They must come back to the towns to achieve a ratified budget.

The members of the Select Board felt the Town Meeting went very well, considering all the accommodations made because of Covid-19, and commended all who contributed to its success.

**Pitt House Disposition - Results of Probate Court Hearing**

Last week we received the judgement from the Probate Court which made the Historical Society the trustee of the George William Pitt house in place of the Town of Colrain. Once the Resignation of the Town of Colrain as Trustee to the Trusts Established under the Will of George William Pitt and the Release and Indemnification Agreement are signed by the Board and Belden Merims, Chair of the Colrain Historical Society, we can hand over the keys to her.

**MOVED:** Mike Slowinski moved to sign the Resignation of the Town of Colrain as Trustee to the Trusts Established under the Will of George William Pitt. Joe Kurland seconded. **Roll call: all ayes.**

**MOVED:** Joe Kurland moved to approve the Release and Indemnification Agreement pending signature of the Colrain Historical Society, Inc. President. Mike Slowinski seconded. **Roll Call: all ayes.**

**Old Business None.**

**Unanticipated** Mike Slowinski noted that Rita Lively, 103 years old, is now the oldest living resident in Colrain. The family requested that after the plaque and proclamation are done, someone from town could bring it to her home and take a picture of her with it.

**Town Coordinator**

**Updates** Kevin put in a request for a new server for the Town Offices and a request for an audit.

**MOVED: Mark moved to close the meeting at 6:52 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted, Accepted by the Select Board

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Betsy Shuipis Mark Thibodeau, Chair

Administrative Assistant

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Joe Kurland

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Mike Slowinski

Documents

Alteration of Layout of Main Road, Jacksonville Road and Greenfield Road

Order of Alternation of Layout, Town of Colrain, Main Road, Jacksonville Road and Greenfield Road

Town Meeting Warrant Article to Alter Layouts of Main Road, Jacksonville Road and Greenfield Road

Map Plan of Land - Main Road, Jacksonville Road, Greenfield Road

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Probate and Family Court, Last Will and Testament of George William Pitt dated February 17, 1958.

Resignation of Town of Colrain as Trustee of the Trust Established Under the Will of George William Pitt

Release and Indemnification Agreement, dated June 17, 2020, between the Town of Colrain and the Colrain Historical Society.