

Town of Colrain  
Select Board/MLP Board Meeting  
Highway Garage  
9 Jacksonville Road  
4:30 PM

**MINUTES OF SELECT BOARD  
December 14, 2021**

**Present:** Joe Kurland, Chair; Mike Slowinski; W. Thomas Griffin

**Others Present:** Kate Barrows; John Chivers; Jamie Hall; Jane Johnson; Mary Parsons; Donnie Brown, Jr.; Dawn Brown; Kellie Smith; Marybeth Chichester; Betsy Shuipis, Administrative Assistant; Kevin Fox, Town Administrator

Chair Joe Kurland called the meeting to order at 4:31 pm.

**Appointments: John Chivers – Request to be Appointed to the MTRSD School Committee**

John Chivers explained that he served on the Central Berkshire Regional School District School Committee for over 20 years and moved to Colrain three years ago and looks forward to serving. **MOVED:** Mike Slowinski moved to appoint Mr. Chivers to the Mohawk Trail Regional School District School Committee.

Thom Griffin seconded. **Approved unanimously, including Kate Barrows.**

**New Business: Letter Requesting a Special Permit for Unregistered Motor Vehicles from Jamie Hall**

Jamie Hall is requesting a special permit for unregistered motor vehicles. He restores cars and has several for parts. His son competes in demolition derby's. They plan to put up a fence in the spring. Most of the work is done in the driveway during the spring and summer months. Jane Johnson commented on the improvements made to the property and supports a public hearing to grant a special permit. The Board scheduled a public hearing to discuss the special permit for December 28, 2021, at the next Select Board meeting.

**Old Business: FCTSD Colrain Enrollment Count**

This topic was tabled until a future meeting.

**Unanticipated: Approve Select Board Minutes**

**MOVED:** Mike Slowinski moved to accept the minutes of 9/14/2021, 10/12/2021, 11/9/2021, 11/9/2021 (Executive Session), 11/29/2021, and 12/6/2021.

Thom Griffin seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

**Town Administrator Updates:**

**Unregistered Vehicles**

Kevin used his discretion and didn't send fines notices to 5 River St and 1 Greenfield Rd because progress was being made; 5 River St has applied for a special permit and 1 Greenfield Rd has put up a fence. He received an unregistered vehicle complaint for three properties today and will send letters. Jane Johnson commented that she made written complaints, however, she had nothing to do with the list mentioned. Discussion on the fine letter process.

**Barnhardt – Consent Decree**

The Town has been awarded \$300,000 from the Consent Decree in the settlement. Kevin is expecting an MOU addressed to the Board sometime in January.

**MOVED:** Mike Slowinski moved to dissolve the meeting at 5:10 pm.  
Thom Griffin seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Shuipis  
Administrative Assistant

Accepted by the Select Board

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Joe Kurland - Chair

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Mike Slowinski

  
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Thom Griffin

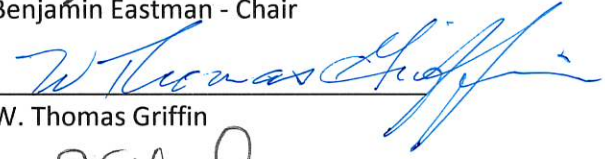
Minutes originally taken by Betsy Shuipis and typed by Marjorie Smith for approval by the current Select Board members. The current Board members accept the minutes as written on 12/12/2023, for the purpose of putting the minutes on record, as they were not accepted around the time of the original meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Smith  
Administrative Assistant

Accepted by the Select Board

  
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Benjamin Eastman - Chair

  
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W. Thomas Griffin

  
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Emily Thurber

**Documents:**

Email from John Chivers dated 12/7/2021 re: request to be appointed to MTRSD School Committee

Letter from Jamie Hall dated 11/30/2021 re: obtaining special permit for unregistered vehicles