

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

**MINUTES OF SELECT BOARD
April 12, 2022**

Present Joe Kurland, Chair; Mike Slowinski; Thom Griffin

Others Present Jane Johnson; Gail Johnston; Ben Eastman; David Nims; Chris Lannon, Police Chief; Chris Larabee; Linwood Rowland; Sandra Rowland; Dawn Brown; Jon Stetson; Michael Shuipis; Kellie Smith; Donnie Brown, Jr.; Jonathan Lagreze; John Chivers; Marilyn O'Brien; Marybeth Chichester; Marilyn O'Brien; Scott Sullivan, Highway Superintendent; Betsy Shuipis, Administrative Assistant; Kevin Fox, Town Administrator.

The meeting was called to order by Joe Kurland, Chair, at 4:30 pm.

Appointments **Linwood Rowland – Village Intersection Project Concerns**

Since the town common was redone Mr. Rowland feels there is no easy access to the back of his property where the septic and propane are serviced. Mike Slowinski, Thom Griffin, and Joe Kurland will separately visit Mr. Rowland to check out the property.

Marybeth Chichester – FEMA Flood Zone Insurance Program Update

FEMA is requiring an update to our bylaws for the flood plain zoning so it covers a wider area and adding the responsibilities of a Flood Plain Coordinator to a town employee. The Planning Board cannot update the bylaws alone and may need a broader committee to get it done. We will make a request to FRCOG to add this as a priority and get their help. If we do not update these bylaws in a reasonable time, homeowners with flood insurance will not get money. Kevin will contact FRCOG for help with grant funding.

Martha Caron – Unregistered Motor Vehicle Complaint Response

Ms. Caron's appointment moved to the next meeting.

Marilyn O'Brien – Request to discontinue Old County Road

Under the records Scott Sullivan says that Old County Rd is not maintained and is not a town road. Scott Sullivan and Kevin Fox will walk the property 370 ft. from the edge of pavement on Shattuckville Rd. If it is not town-owned land, then the matter is in (private) property owners' hands.

New Business **MOU between Barnhardt Manufacturing Co. and the Town of Colrain (Police and Fire Departments)**

MOVED: Thom Griffin moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Barnhardt Manufacturing Company and the Town of Colrain Police and Fire Departments.

Mike Slowinski seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Replacement lighting at the Arthur A. Smith Bridge; use of Arthur A. Smith Covered Bridge Fund
Mike Slowinski spoke for the record that his brother, Jim Slowinski, is the electrical inspector recommended to replace the lights in the covered bridge. At the discretion of the Historical Commission and approval of the board, funds can be used from the Arthur A. Smith Covered Bridge Fund. Suggestions from the Board: please keep the lighting soft and in harmony with the bridge and add a solar eye to eliminate the timer.

MOVED: Thom Griffin moved to authorize the use of funds for the replacement lighting not to exceed \$2,500 on the Arthur A. Smith Bridge. Mike Slowinski seconded. **Voted unanimously.**

Request to place an Article on the FY23 ATM Fair Share Amendment

Mike Slowinski asked why we would change the rules. This article should be a citizen's petition that requires 10 signatures.

MOVED: Thom Griffin moved that we deny the request to place this article on the FY23 Annual Town Meeting in preference to submitting a citizen's petition. Mike Slowinski seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Old Business FCTSD Enrollment

Moved to the next meeting.

Tire Disposal at Transfer Station

Thom Griffin asked to read excerpts of various emails from Jonathan Lagreze from the last two months.

Scott Sullivan will get back with the tire collection cost to the town at the next meeting.

MOVED: Mike Slowinski moved to do a tire collection in the future.

Thom Griffin seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Town Administrator Updates:

Kevin Fox handed out the updated Unregistered Vehicle Complaint Log.

- Glenda Wood submitted a plan of removal for her property at 457 Main Road.

MOVED: Mike Slowinski moved to accept the plan submitted by Ms. Glenda Wood dated April 12, 2022. Thom Griffin seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

- The Select Board asked the Browns of 4 Shattuckville Rd. to send an updated plan.
- Ms. Tetro still has two vehicles; one vehicle is covered by a wrap another is in the open. Kevin will contact them.
- Karen Leduc has fence issues that need to be fixed. The fence heading east is too short and needs 7 more sections of the same size on the south side and 2 or 3 more sections on the west side.
- Mr. Culver has sent nothing. Kevin will contact him.
- Mr. Hicks Boydon is not available to communicate.
- Mr. Boles will be in court the 22nd and a tear down may occur.
- Ben Eastman submitted a letter requesting a special permit for unregistered vehicles. Michael Slowinski will recuse himself.

The Select Board will have a joint meeting with the Finance Board on April 26 at the regular Select Board meeting.

The Town was awarded \$260,000 to pothole funds for road repairs.

MOVED: Mike Slowinski moved to accept the Annual Election Warrant as written. Thom Griffin seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

MOVED: Mike Slowinski moved to approve minutes of 1/25/2022, 2/22/2022, 2/23/2022, 3/8/2022, 3/29/2022. Thom Griffin seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

MOVED: Mike Slowinski moved to dissolve the meeting at 6:26 pm. Thom Griffin seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Accepted by the Select Board

Betsy Shuipis
Administrative Assistant

Joe Kurland - Chair

Mike Slowinski

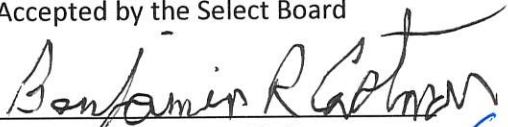
Thom Griffin

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 7/25/2023, for the purpose of putting the minutes on record, as they were not accepted around the time of the original meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Accepted by the Select Board

Marjorie Smith
Administrative Assistant



Benjamin Eastman - Chair



W. Thomas Griffin



Emily Thurber

Documents:

Select Board Meeting Notes

Memorandum of Understanding between Barnhardt Manufacturing Co. and the Town of Colrain Police & Fire Department

The Colrain Historical Society, Inc. letter dated November 3, 2004 re: Bridge Fund

Select Board Motion to accept donation from Historical Society re: Arthur A. Smith Covered Bridge money 11/15/2004

Colrain Resolution in Support of the Fair Share Amendment

Unregistered Motor Vehicle By-Law Complaint Log

Select Board member Thom Griffin's document of excerpts from various emails from Jonathan Lagreze that was sent or forwarded to him over the past two months re: ethical issues.