

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

**MINUTES OF SELECT BOARD
May 24, 2022**

Present: Mike Slowinski, Thom Griffin, Ben Eastman

Others Present: Howard Phelps; Greg Walker; Gail Johnston; Sandy Skura; Jane Johnson; Bing Waldsmith; Scott Sullivan, Highway Superintendent; Betsy Shuipis, Administrative Assistant; Kevin Fox, Town Administrator

Chair, Mike Slowinski called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Appointments: Howard Phelps -- Concerns About the Safety of the Intersection in the Center of Colrain

Howard Phelps expressed his concerns with the setup of the new intersection in the center and many others are dissatisfied with it as well. The Board explained the design took years to engineer and complete, there were two public hearings, multiple Select Board meetings, and at this point there isn't anything the Board can do. Mike Slowinski thanked Howard for his concerns.

New Business: Green Communities Grant Contract Extension

Kevin Fox wrote a letter requesting an extension to the Green Communities Grant and why. It was approved through 2025.

MOVED: Thom Griffin moved to approve the Green Communities Grant Extension.
Ben Eastman seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Old Business: Stetson Bros. Rd. Drainage Project and Effect on Road Discussion

Kevin Fox and Scott Sullivan met with Dick Hillman and Scott prepared two proposals; one an immediate fix and the other is long-term. Discussion on materials and how to use them for fixing the drainage problem. Discussion on who will be doing the work, only the Highway Department, only a contractor, or both Highway and a contractor. The Board relayed to Scott the steps they would like to see happen regarding how the drainage will be fixed.

Greg Walker, 56 East Colrain Road Drainage Concern

The three members of the Board went to the site, separately, to see the drainage issues Greg Walker is concerned with. Greg explained a pipe running under the road is draining water onto his property. Discussion on possible solutions. The Board decided to hold a meeting at 56 East Colrain Rd on June 28 at 3:00 pm.

FCTSD Enrollment

The discussion was tabled until a future meeting.

Unanticipated: WRAP Funds/Other Highway Updates

Scott is proposing using the money to pave Thompson Rd and Christian Hill Rd. Should the budget be higher, Chapter 90 funds could be used to supplement. Discussion will continue at a future meeting.

Scott would like to add more geo-grid to top of Christian Hill Rd to the Ed Clark Rd intersection this year. Paving was expected to be done today and then they will wait until it cures and they will go back to the telecommunications hut, Lyonsville Rd, Coburn St, Coombs Hill Rd and West Leyden Rd.

A tree at Chandler Hill Cemetery has fallen and needs to be removed. Scott will go and take a look.

Discussion on why Scott hasn't provided a written statement of what the highway department is doing and what they would like him to submit to the Board every two weeks.

Publicizing Town Meeting

Howard Phelps questioned the ability to send postcards to residents notifying them of the Annual Town Meeting. Discussion on possibility of putting up signs; Facebook, Town Hall, Library, the Common, local businesses.

Town Administrator Updates:

Next Select Board Meeting

The Board decided to keep the next meeting scheduled for June 14 prior to the Town Meeting.

MLP Grant Awards Ceremony

Mike Slowinski sent an email to the MLP Managers from four other towns with Kevin's contact information to RSVP to the ceremony in Taunton, MA.

MOVED: Thom Griffin moved to dissolve the meeting at 6:21.

Ben Eastman seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Accepted by the Select Board

Betsy Shuipis
Administrative Assistant

Mike Slowinski - Chair

Thom Griffin

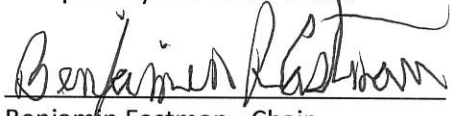
Ben Eastman

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 12/26/2023, for the purpose of putting the minutes on record, as they were not accepted around the time of the original meeting.

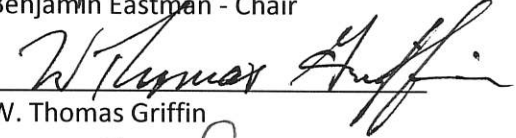
Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Smith
Administrative Assistant

Accepted by the Select Board



Benjamin Eastman - Chair



W. Thomas Griffin



Emily Thurber

Documents:

Green Communities Grant Contract Extension