

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

**MINUTES OF SELECT BOARD  
March 28, 2023**

**Present:** Mike Slowinski, Chair, W. Thomas Griffin, Benjamin Eastman

**Others Present:** Lisa Hayden, Woodlands Partnership of Northwest MA; Jonathan Lagreze; Howard Phelps; Jane Johnson; Roger Williams; David Greenberg; Bill Dornbush; Chris Lannon, Colrain Police Chief; Maggie Smith, Marybeth Chichester; Kevin Fox, Town Administrator

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

**Appointments: Lisa Hayden – Administrative Agent for the Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts**

Lisa Hayden presented information regarding the Woodlands Partnership and what they offer to the surrounding towns.

**Jessica Atwood (FRCOG) – MBI Municipal Digital Equity Planning Program**

Jessica Atwood presented FRCOG's ability to provide pre-qualified consultant services to the Town of Colrain regarding a Digital Equity Planning grant.

**MOVED:** Thom Griffin moved to recommend the FRCOG as the pre-qualified consultant for this grant.

Ben Eastman seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

**Chief Lannon – West Leyden Rd. and other Traffic Issues**

**MOVED:** Thom Griffin moved to approve Chief Lannon's recommendations #2, 3, and 4 as detailed in a 3/21/2023 memo to the Board.

Ben Eastman seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

**Jonathan Lagreze – Spruce It Up Colrain**

**MOVED:** Thom Griffin moved to authorize volunteer participants in a roadside litter pick-up project to be allowed to dispose of the litter picked up at the transfer station "free of charge" during normal hours of operation during the month of April 2023. Volunteers will identify themselves as such to the attendants on the honor system.

Ben Eastman seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

**MOVED:** Thom Griffin moved to authorize a discounted charge for tire disposal at the Colrain Transfer Station of \$3 per tire (discounted from the regular \$5 charge) for Colrain residents on April 22, 2023, during regular hours of operation.

Ben Eastman seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

**New Business: Additional 2% COLA adjustment for FRRS Members**

**MOVED:** Thom Griffin moved to authorize the FRRS to approve an additional 2% COLA for pensioners.

Ben Eastman seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

**Old Business: None**

**Unanticipated: None**

**Town Administrator Updates: None**

**MOVED:** Mike Slowinski moved to dissolve the meeting at 6:40 pm.  
Thom Griffin seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

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:**

Select Board Meeting Notes

Memo from Chief Lannon dated 3/21/2023 re: traffic concerns