

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

**MINUTES OF SELECT BOARD
APRIL 11, 2023**

Present Mike Slowinski, Chair; Thom Griffin; Ben Eastman

Others Present Michael Shuipis, FCSWMD Representative; Jane Johnson; Gail Johnston; Emily Thurber; Roger Williams; Kellie Smith; Donnie Brown Jr.; Josh Slyz; Jade Mortimer; Jonathan Lagreze
Maggie Smith, Administrative Assistant; Kevin Fox, Town Administrator

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

Appointments: Michael Shuipis, FCSWMD Representative – Proposed Changes to Transfer Station Fee Structure and Administration

Michael Shuipis requested permission to initiate a committee made up of Steve Daby, Highway Superintendent, Kevin Fox, Town Administrator, and himself for the purpose of creating a proposal with suggested changes/updates to the Transfer Station fee structure and administration.

MOVED: Thom Griffin moved to approve the formation of a committee made up of Steve Daby, Kevin Fox and Michael Shuipis to look into the Transfer Station fees.

Ben Eastman seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Jane Johnson – Unregistered Motor Vehicles

Discussion continued regarding the status of the unregistered vehicles in town. Kevin Fox to follow-up on property owners not in compliance.

New Business: Electricity Aggregation Indicative Pricing Results and Recommended Offerings

Kevin Fox will participate in Electricity Aggregation Indicative Pricing call to lock in new rate.

MOVED: Thom Griffin moved to authorize Kevin Fox, on behalf of the Select Board, to lock in the Electricity Aggregation Indicative Pricing.

Ben Eastman seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Unanticipated: None

Town Administrator Updates:

Paula Harrison successfully passed her collector examination and is now a Certified Massachusetts Municipal Collector and Treasurer.

One year extension has been granted by the Attorney General's Office for the Barnhardt MOU.

Grant application has been submitted for the Heath Rd/Maxam Rd construction project.

At 5:08pm, Chair Mike Slowinski announced the Board will enter into Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(2): To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel. The Board will not reconvene the Open Meeting after the Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Smith
Administrative Assistant

Accepted by the Select Board

Mike Slowinski - Chair

Thom Griffin

Ben Eastman

Documents:

Select Board Meeting Notes

Letter from Michael Shuipis to the Select Board re: Proposed Changes to Transfer Station Fee Structure and Administration

Schedule of Colrain Transfer Station Fees as of 11/8/2022

Unregistered Motor Vehicle By-Law Complaint Log as of 3/2/2023

Email from Peter Brooks, Energy Committee, dated 3/23/2023 to Kevin Fox, Town Administrator, re: Energy Committees recommendations for the Electricity Aggregation Indicative Pricing Options

Franklin County Communities (NGRID & WMECo) All-Requirements Retail Power Supply Pricing Matrix, Combined Rate Comparison

Eversource and National Grid Enrollment Term Sheets

Eversource West Residential Basic Service Rate graph as of 3/27/2023 showing historical service rates from July 2018 through June 2023 and projected service rates from July 2023 through June 2026

National Grid Residential Basic Service Rate graph as of 3/16/2023 showing historical service rates from November 2018 through October 2023 and projected service rates from November 2023 through April 2026

Print out from Colonial Power Group website re: Massachusetts Renewable Energy Requirement