

Town of Colrain
Select Board/MLP Board Meeting
Colrain Highway Garage
9 Jacksonville Road
4:30 PM
MINUTES OF SELECT BOARD
July 2, 2024

Present Emily Thurber, Chair; Benjamin Eastman; Katie Korby

Others Present: Marjorie Smith, Administrative Assistant; Diana Parsons, Town Administrator

Chair Emily Thurber called the meeting to order at 4:33 pm.

Appointments:

Discuss priorities, goals, plans, expectations etc.

Diana introduced herself to the audience and shared with the Board her list of top priorities: Highway Department and hiring a Superintendent, highway winter operations, financial and accounting services, transparency and communication with constituents and internally (recruiting for Boards/Committees), and long-term, capital, succession and master planning. Emily Thurber added working with the finance committee and department heads during the budget season and have members of the Board act as liaisons to other boards/committees. Katie Korby added town meeting logistics (time of day and getting more younger residents to attend). Ben Eastman added funding for the Adamsville Rd bridge over Sanders Brook and Thompson Road paving.

New Business:

None

Old Business:

None

Unanticipated:

Staircase Behind Veteran's Memorial

Katie Korby checked out the staircase on Saturday with Pollinator Committee. Her safety concern was more behind the memorials as it drops off very significantly. The stairs are fairly blocked off, and the vertical rails are sturdy, however, the horizontal are rickety. Discussion to continue at a future meeting.

Energy Committee

Peter Brooks updated the Board regarding the Green Communities grant; there is \$40,000 left of the \$120,000. The Committee is working on getting the fire station insulation installed and air sealing Colrain Central School. David Greenburg explained that the committee is starting to look at possible new solar opportunities in town, including Solarize Colrain 2.0, solar panels at CCS and solar energy farm on the capped landfill at the transfer station.

Planning Board Update

David explained that the Planning Board only received one response from all the boards/committees regarding the Master Plan and is looking for volunteers.

Wood Bank Update

David updated the Board that the Valley Land Trust is not interested in the project and the group is looking into wood processors.

Town Meeting Discussion

General discussion regarding Town Meeting operations and logistics.

Town Administrator Updates:

Highway Department

Diana Parsons updated the Board that she will meet with Nate and Lee on Monday afternoon. Discussion on Highway Superintendent position and Nate's possible interest.

Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes

None

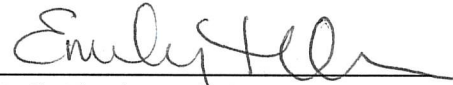
MOVED: Ben Eastman moved to dissolve the meeting at 6:03pm.
Emily Thurber seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

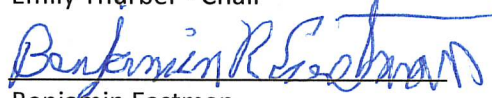


Marjorie Smith
Administrative Assistant

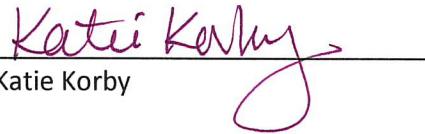
Accepted by the Select Board on 7/23/2024



Emily Thurber - Chair



Benjamin Eastman



Katie Korby

Documents Distributed to the Select Board Before the Meeting in a Packet or at the Meeting:

None