Town of Colrain
Select Board/MLP Board Meeting
Jacobs Road Municipal Center
18 Jacobs Rd, Heath, MA
5:00 PM

MINUTES OF SELECT BOARD October 21, 2025

Present

Emily Thurber, Chair; Benjamin Eastman; Katie Korby

Others Present: Robyn Provost-Carlson, Elissa Viarengo, Will Emmet – Heath Select Board; Hilma Sumner – Heath Town Coordinator; Chris Lannon – Colrain Police Chief; John McDonough – Heath Police Chief; Nick Anzuoni – Colrain and Heath Fire Chief; Marjorie Smith – Administrative Assistant; Diana Parsons – Town Administrator

Chair Emily Thurber called the meeting to order at 5:01pm.

Joint Meeting with Heath Select Board

Diana Parsons explained the reason for requesting the joint meeting with Heath and what has been happening within the Police Department currently. Both Hilma Sumner, Heath Town Coordinator, and Diana shared the budgets for the Police Departments amongst both Boards. Discussion on the types of calls being responded to, hours being worked, budget constraints, administrative tasks, challenges with issuing firearms permits and the cost effectiveness to hand-deliver the permits.

Chris Lannon explained the administrative hours he does. Discussion on who is allowed to do certain administrative tasks and the requirements. Both Boards agreed that more conversations are needed, and the Police Chief's will assist with providing information. Chief McDonough offered his first thoughts regarding shared services.

Discussion on the agreements between Leyden and Bernardston and Wendell and Leverett. Discussion on the next steps and possibility of a shared administrative position. Nick Anzuoni, Fire Chief, explained the challenges with the Fire Department and their staffing needs, the different department structures, Colrain's training and call requirements.

Dissolve Meeting:

MOVED: Emily Thurber moved to dissolve the meeting at 6:06pm. Katie Korby seconded. **Approved unanimously**.

Respectfully submitted.

Marjorie Smith

Administrative Assistant

Accepted by the Select Board on 1

Emily Thurber - Chair

Benjamin Fastman

Katie Korby

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

Email between Diana Parsons, Colrain Town Administrator, and Hilma Sumner, Heath Town Administrator, dated 10/10/2025 and 10/16/2025 re: Joint Select Board Meeting and Police Department Budget

Town of Heath Status of Health Police Department and Fire Department for FY2026