

Town of Colrain
Select Board Meeting
55 Main Road/Town Office Building
5:30 P.M.
MINUTES OF July 10, 2017

Present: Mark Thibodeau, Jack Cavolick, Eileen Sauvageau

Others Present Kevin Fox-Town Coordinator, Colleen Worden-Office Clerk, Paula Harrison-Tax Collector/Treasurer, Bob Rameriz, Belden Mermins, Joan McQuade, David Nims, and Joyce Root

Jack Cavolick opened the meeting at 5:30.

Joan McQuade –Opening the Arthur Smith Bridge to vehicle traffic:

Joan McQuade and other members of the Historical Commission attended the meeting to discuss the possibility of opening the Arthur Smith Bridge to vehicle traffic. Kevin explained that according to a letter from the MassDOT dated March 10, 2014. The first step would be to have a load rating preformed to determine the safe vehicle load the bridge can carry and then the town would be required to install the proper signage in accordance with MGL Chapter 85 Section 34. Finally the MassDOT will evaluate the adequacy of the timber railing for impact loads. There was a discussion and it was decided by the Board of Selectmen to move forward with a request of the DOT to rate the bridge and evaluate the railings. The Board asked Kevin to contact MassDOT to request a load rating.

Paula Harrison-Acceptance of MGL Ch. 32B Sec. 21:

Paula attended the meeting to give an update on the Hampshire Insurance Trust. Paula stated that there will be an increase in member co-pays. There was a discussion and no action taken.

Select board Reorganization:

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to appoint Mark Thibodeau as Chairman of the board for FY-18. Jack Cavolick seconded. Voted unanimous.

MOVED: Jack Cavolick moved to appoint Eileen Sauvageau vice Chair. Mark Thibodeau seconded. Voted unanimous.

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to appoint Jack Cavolick to Clerk. Eileen Sauvageau seconded. Voted unanimous.

Buckland-Letter of Support:

The Town of Buckland is asking the Board to sign a sign a letter of support for a Mass Works grant application for the Buckland Rec.

MOVED: Eileen Sauvageau moved to sign the Mass Works grant application for the Town of Buckland. Mark Thibodeau seconded. Voted unanimous.

Proposal for Engineering Services BSC Group-MA DOT Grant:

Kevin advised the Board that the proposal was reviewed, as a courtesy, by another firm who found it to be acceptable and its costs in line with a project of this scope. He is recommending that the Board accept the proposal.

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to accept the proposal from BSC for design and engineering work for the bridge replacement funded under the Small Bridge grant program as detailed in the scope of services dated 5-8-17 not to exceed \$162,076.22 and contingent on receipt of an approval contract from the Commonwealth ensuring the grant funds. Eileen Sauvageau seconded. Voted unanimous.

Highway Garage Reconstruction up-date:

Kevin explained that everything is coming along, the footings are in and the walls will be coming soon.

Broadband Up-date:

The Last Mile Committee will be meeting on July 11th and will bring back any information to the next Select Board meeting.

MOVED: Mark Thibodeau moved to accept the meeting minutes of July 29, 2017. Jack Cavolick seconded. Voted unanimous.

Mark Thibodeau moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting closed at 6:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Worden
Office Clerk

Accepted by the Board of Selectmen

Eileen Sauvageau

Mark Thibodeau

Jack Cavolick-Chairman

