Town of Colrain

Select Board Meeting

55 Main Road/Town Office Building

6:00 P.M.

# MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 24, 2020

**Present** Eileen Sauvageau, Mark Thibodeau, Joe Kurland

**Others Present** Kyle Dragon, Donna L. MacNicol, Attorney; Mary Parsons, Gail Johnston, Rosie Spencer, Jane Johnson, Dominic Shelzi, Dennis DePaola, Betsy Shuipis, Administrative Asst.

Meeting was called to order by Chair Eileen Sauvageau at 6 p.m.

**Appointments: Mary Parsons – Unregistered Vehicle(s) Concerns**

Mary Parsons’ proposal: a copy of the town by-law regarding unregistered vehicles (Article 23, 1-23-67) be inserted in the next tax mailing. As an approach to enforce the law in a fair manner, all residents will be reminded that they have until \_\_\_\_ (suggested date of 6/1/20) to clean up unregistered vehicles or be fined. If, after June 1, landowners are not in compliance, residents can bring a formal complaint to the Select Board about the property.

A few questions need answers before a decision can be made: the cost of a town-wide mailing if this mailing cannot be included in another Town mailing, and the terms and content of the proposal. The Select Board would like to provide information that would help homeowners before they were fined or litigation began, such as contact information of salvage companies that take scrap.

Once a decision is made, which may take a few meetings, the Select Board will contact Mary Parsons.

**ACO Kyle Dragon Proposed By-law Amendment**

Kyle Dragon plans on attending Colrain’s Annual Town Meeting to answer any questions residents have about the By-law Amendment.

**MOVED:** Joe moved that the Franklin Count Regional Animal Control By-Law Proposal be Added to the Annual Town Meeting. Mark seconded**. Approved unanimously.**

**Amy Looman – Jacksonville Road Bridge Sidewalk Snow Clearing Concerns**

Amy Looman was not present. The Select Board discussed whether the Highway Department should take care of clearing the sidewalk. No decision was made.

**Mark moved to recess for 15 minutes. Joe seconded. Approved unanimously.**

**Eileen called the meeting back into session at 6:45.**

**Johnie Chace (or representative) – Proposed ATM Warrant Articles Re: Abandonment of a Portion of Cal Coombs Road.**

Attorney Donna MacNichol, as Ms. Chace’s representative, is requesting that on the westerly side of the Chace home, Cal Coombs Road be terminated 840 feet past the sheep barn, along with granting a 40 x 60 ft. easement to the town for the Colrain Highway Department to use as a turnaround.

Before the plans are finalized, the fire and highway departments need to confirm all the measurements.

**New Business** **Set FY21 ATM Warrant Closing Date**

A tentative date ofApril 13 was discussed.

**Declaration of Surplus Property – Library Items**

Discussion postponed until the next meeting**.**

**Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes of 1/13/20, 1/27/20, and 2/10/20.**

**MOVED**: Mark moved to accept the meeting minutes of 1/13/20, 1/27/20 and 2/10/20 Joe seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

**Old Business Review and discussion of Host Agreements with Wellman Farms and Twisted Yield**

Wellman Farms and Twisted Yield have no changes for the Host Agreements.

**MOVED:**  Eileen moved that the Select Board sign the Host Agreement with Wellman Farms and Twisted Yield based on the request the Town sent to K. P. Law with the understanding that Wellman Farms and Twisted Yields are in agreement with the changes made by K. P. Law on the Host Agreements. Mark seconded. **Approved unanimously.**

**Draft of Town Policy for Disposal of Surplus/Waste Materials Resulting from Public Works Projects**

The policy is with the town attorney.

**Town Coordinator Contract**

The Select Board reviewed the revised town coordinator job description and will send it to the Personnel Committee for their review.

**Town Coordinator No updates.**

**Updates**

**MOVED: Mark moved to close the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Joe seconded. Voted unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted, Accepted by the Board of Selectmen

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Betsy Shuipis Eileen Sauvageau - Chairman

Administrative Assistant

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Mark Thibodeau

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Joe Kurland

Documents

Franklin County Regional Animal Control Bylaw Proposal for Spring 2020

Host Community Agreement between the Town of Colrain and Wellman Farm, Inc. for the Siting of a Recreational Marijuana Establishment

Host Community Agreement between the Town of Colrain and Twisted yields, LLC for the Siting of a Recreational Marijuana Establishment

Proposed Warrant Articles for the Annual Town Meeting