

Town of Colrain
Select Board/MLP Board Meeting
Colrain Highway Garage
9 Jacksonville Road
6:00PM
MINUTES OF SELECT BOARD
February 26, 2026

Present: Emily Thurber, Chair; Benjamin Eastman (remote); Katie Korby

Others Present: Doug MacLeay, Betty Ringwood, Deb Menard, David Swiderski (remote) – Finance Committee; Emma Coburn – Town Clerk (remote); Nick Anzuoni – Assessor; Paula Harrison – Treasurer/Collector (remote); Marjorie Smith – Administrative Assistant; Diana Parsons – Town Administrator

Chair Emily Thurber called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Consent Items:

None

Appointments and Resignations:

None

New Business:

FY27 Department Budget Review:

Town Clerk Budget, Emma Coburn, Town Clerk

Emma summarized her budget, including an increase to expenses for the software license.

Assessors Budget, Members of the Assessors

Nick Anzuoni summarized the assessing departmental expenses including the increase in software costs due to transitioning to a cloud-based system. Discussion on the assessment of utilities.

Collector Treasurer Budget, Paula Harrison, Collector Treasurer

Paula Harrison explained the proposed Assistant Treasurer/Collector position and the reasons for the position. Discussion on the Treasurer/Collector position.

Select Board, Town Administration and Town Office Support Budgets, Diana Parsons, Town Administrator

Diana Parsons explained the reduction in Administrative Assistant hours to supplement the Assistant Treasurer/Collector position and that Maggie is the proposed person for the new Asst. Position. The hours would be split between the Administrative office and Treasurer/Collector office. She also summarized the Administration budget.

Review School Assessments

Discussion on the sustainability study and the proposed district consolidation, and whether the Town can handle to budget increase. Diana explained that it would use all excess levy and possibly more. Discussion on new growth and the assessing department. Diana will put more figures together regarding where money isn't being spent in the budget.

Old Business:

None

Administrator Updates:

None

Public and Board Member Comments:

None

Requests for Future Agenda Items:

March 12, FY27 Department Budget Review, Cont.: Library, Board of Health, Council on Aging, Veterans, Other Miscellaneous

Correspondence and Select Board Informational Items:

None

Executive Session:

None

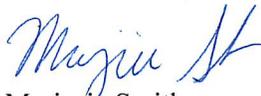
Dissolve Meeting:

MOVED: Emily Thurber moved to dissolve the meeting at 6:52pm.

Katie Korby seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Emily Thurber – Aye, Ben Eastman – Aye, Katie Korby – Aye. **Approved unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

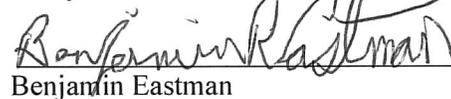


Marjorie Smith
Administrative Assistant

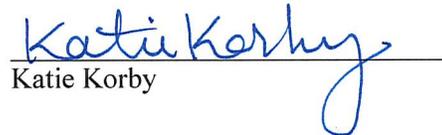
Accepted by the Select Board on 3/10/2026



Emily Thurber - Chair



Benjamin Eastman



Katie Korby

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

Draft FY2027 Town Administrator Budget

Draft FY2027 Assessing Department Budget

Draft FY2027 Treasurer/Collector Budget

Draft FY2027 Town Office Support Budget

Draft FY2027 Town Clerk Budget