

**Town of Franklin  
Town Meeting  
March 6, 2012**

Town Clerk, Lisa A. Larivee declared the polls open at 10:00 a.m. for the Australian Balloting of the MVU High School #7 budget and school directors and Presidential Primary Election. Moderator Timothy Magnant called the Franklin School District meeting to order at 10:00a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Air Guard Member, Eric Bushey. The Moderator advised there will be no prayer this year out of respect for Judge Malley and the current court case litigation.

RULES-all questions, comments, etc. are to be directed to the moderator; stick to the subject, no personal attacks, lets remain civil to one another; unregistered voters may talk with the moderator and groups permission, all unregistered voters were acknowledged. Meeting follows Roberts Rules unless otherwise stated.

**Article 1: To elect a moderator for the ensuing year.** Jean Richard/Robert Cormier nominated Tim Magnant for school district meeting moderator. Jean Richard/Gilbert Dewing made the motion to close nominations and to cast one ballot for Tim Magnant. Voice vote; all in favor, Tim elected moderator.

**Article 2: To act upon the reports of the school directors:  
Superintendent, Principal, School Director pg. 48-50-** Polly Gadbois/Peter Magnant made motion to accept reports. Kim Maynard inquired to what the approved bid for the roof project was and what the terms of the bond are. Jon Gates stated that AC Hawthorne was awarded the bid at \$324,000; the bond is \$375,000 over 10 years. Peter Magnant questioned how the proposed school day extension at MVU is going to affect the school day here at Franklin. Jon Gates stated that the students at MVU will be coming home a half hour later; an extra bus will run for them and the kids at Franklin will be dismissed at the normal 3 p.m.; some details are still being worked out. Voice vote taken; all in favor, reports approved.

**Cross Roads After school program pg. 51 & 52-** Gerald Gates/Jean Richard made motion to accept reports. Voice vote taken; all in favor, reports approved.

**Treasurer's pg. 56, Agency funds & combined balance sheet pg. 57, and Franklin Treasurer's report & roof renovation project pg. 58-** Jean Richard/Gilbert Dewing made motion to accept reports. Voice vote taken; all in favor, reports approved.

**Article 3: Will the voters of the Franklin Town School District appropriate \$1,557,014 necessary for the support of the Franklin Elementary School for the school year beginning July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013?** Polly Gadbois/Bryant Reynolds made motion to approve the Franklin Town School District appropriating \$1,557,014 necessary for the support of the Franklin Elementary School for the school year beginning July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. Kim Maynard applauded the school board and the staff for all that they do but questioned the school board getting a raise this year. Jon Gates stated that what the board is currently getting is less than what other school boards are getting; felt they should be receiving more compensation for the meetings and time that they put in. Kim Maynard wanted breakdown on the school boards compensation; Jon Gates stated the chairman will get \$600, the other 2 members \$500 each. Voice vote taken; all in favor, motion passed.

**Article 4: To elect one Franklin School Director for a term of three (3) years.**

Polly Gadbois/Bryant Reynolds nominated David Rood for school director for a term of three years. Jean Richard/Gilbert Dewing made motion to close nominations. Voice vote taken; all in favor, motion passed. David Rood elected as school director for three years.

**Article 5: Will the voters of the Franklin Town School District authorize the school directors to borrow money to pay the current expenditures in anticipation of taxes and to sign notes for that purpose?** George Godin/Kyle Lothian made motion to authorize the school directors to borrow money to pay the current expenditures in anticipation of taxes and to sign notes for that purpose. Voice vote taken; all in favor, motion passed.

**Article 6: To transact any other business legally authorized to be transacted; considered appropriate and necessary when met.** None had.

Motion made by Jean Richard/Gilbert Dewing to adjourn School District meeting. Voice vote taken, all in favor, motion passed.

Tim Magnant invited Mike Lawyer to speak on behalf of the Franklin Fire Department. Fire department recognized Ed Rainville with a "Life Saving Award" for his assistance with a fire on the Middle Road; fire department also recognized Maureen Sodaro with a "Community Service Award" for organizing a Zumba fundraiser for residents in town that had tragedy strike their lives and homes.

**Article 7: To elect a moderator for the ensuing year.** Gilbert Dewing/Jean Richard nominated Tim Magnant for annual town meeting moderator. Jean Richard/Irene Montgomery to cast one ballot. Voice vote taken; all in favor, motion passed. Tim Magnant elected moderator.

**Article 8: To receive and act upon the reports of the several town officers:**

**Auditor's pg. 7, Select board pg. 8 & 9-** Polly Gadbois/Michelle Guilmette made motion to accept reports.

Kim Maynard questioned when the Septic Feasibility study would be complete and what the outcome will be from those results; also any other information that can be provided. Peter Magnant responded that it was started last spring by Stone Environmental; currently in phase 3. Plans will be presented in a public meeting late spring/early summer; from there the Town can do what sees best with the information that has been gathered. The cost of implementing any system, should the town chose, would mean that all the feasibility study funds would have to be paid back as part of the entire project.

Wayne Fiske would like an explanation on the lawsuit between the Town and Franklin Telephone.

Scott Choiniere advised that has been addressed in the Town report and read from the Selectboard Report. Wayne thought that the road repairs were split three ways, what about the parking lot and its use? Scott replied that Homestead Drive expenses are split three ways and that the court ordered that it not be used as a public Park & Ride. Wayne inquired as to what the claimed water damage is. Scott advised a \$5000 settlement is being paid out, they are not sure what the damages are but it was in the best interest of the Town to settle and that was the cost to do so.

George Godin understood that the Park and Ride was built with grant funds, does that have to be paid back? Scott stated that is correct and the Town has been told that those funds do not have to be paid back.

Susan Clark would like to know how the energy efficiency grants at the Town Hall and the Library/Office building are progressing. Peter advised that the Office/Library have received grant funding but is still out to bid, the Town Hall received no grant funds.

Wayne Fiske stated that he has noticed more signs in the area of Browns Corner, Durkee Road and Barnum Road; the signs are doing nothing to make people stop and he thinks a patrol car should be put there to keep this from happening. Scott agrees, this is a dangerous area and sheriff patrol was cut from previous years budgets. Clark Hubbard suggested putting speed bumps up before the stops signs.

Hugh Gates would like to know about the street lights being changed, is grant funding going to be used for this or are they going to ask the Town's people for this money? Would they also consider changing the security lighting at the Town parking lot to sodium to save on costs? Scott advised that our electric company is currently not participating so this will be address at another time.

Kathy Giroux questioned who is maintaining the parking lot at the garage and who can park there? Scott advised it's a municipal parking lot for anyone in Town to use and it is maintained by the Town.

Maureen would like to thank the select board for all the improvements made at the Town Hall. Voice vote taken; all in favor, motion passed.

**Road Commissioners pg. 10 and Paving progress and road maintenance pg. 11-** Jean Richard/Gilbert Dewing made motion to accept reports.

Richard Mercy questioned the status of shoreline/road work along Dewing Shore Road. Peter Kittell advised that grant funds are available, still working out all permit details, then will work on this summer.

Kim Maynard questioned what the Dewing Shore Road stabilization work will entail. Peter Kittell stated the plan is designed with State approval for more stone work and trees to be done.

Kim Maynard stated all information on page 11 is very helpful, is the blue rock working better than other types? Peter Kittell stated the limestone seems to not work as well, the blue rock stays on the road longer and packs better; feels the roads are in better shape with the blue rock.

Johanna Crane-Godin stated the Dandurand Road needs more chloride than the Barnum Road, more houses and people.

Richard Mercy noted that the shoreline in front of his house is starting to deteriorate.

Cynthia Forsyth stated that the road edge at the intersection of Riley Road and North Sheldon Road is always very overgrown and reduces visibility, should be mowed further back for safety.

Peter Kittell stated that our mowers don't reach that far but will see what can be done to cut it. Voice vote taken; all in favor, motion passed.

**Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment pg. 12, Zoning Administrator & Health Officer pg. 13-** Gilbert Dewing/Jean Richard made motion to accept reports.

Susan Clark asked the status of the Town Plan update and Zoning Bylaws. Clark Hubbard, Planning Commission Chair, advised that the Town Plan had already had a public hearing and will be going to the select board next and the Development Regulations public hearing will be on Wednesday, March 21, 2012. Scott would like to know when the Town Plan was handed over to the Select board, Clark advised that was done at the February meeting; the regulations will be addressed at the next select board meeting. Susan would like the board to know that there are guidelines that have to be met; Clark advised that they are aware of these and are working within the deadlines. Voice vote taken; all in favor, motion passed.

**Emergency management coordinators and Cemetery Commissioner's pg. 14-** Jean Richard/Gilbert Dewing made motion to accept reports. Voice vote taken; all in favor, motion passed.

**Franklin Homestead & VT community development block grant pg. 15, Lake Carmi campers association pg. 18, Historical Society pg. 19-** Gilbert Dewing/Jean Richard made motion to accept reports.

Kim Maynard questioned "no payments received" under VT community development block grant because none were due? Lisa advised that is correct, until Homestead shows a profit, no money has to be paid back to the town. Voice vote taken; all in favor, motion passed.

**Watershed committee report & financial report pg. 16 & 17-** Jean Richard/Gilbert Dewing made motion to accept reports.

Lucille Rainville questioned the coordinators salary and where the salary is for that position in this year's Town report as it was listed in the 2011 budget? Susan Clark stated that because the watershed receives so many grants, they lump some of them together. The 319 projects 2010 expense has that included; it's for 2011 even though it was awarded & named in 2010. Voice vote taken; all in favor, motion passed.

**Haston Library Trustees report pg. 20, Haston Library combined financial pg. 21, Haston Library fund & Eben Racine memorial & window refurbishment funds pg. 22-** Jean Richard/Gilbert Dewing made motion to accept reports.

Kathy Rouleau wants an explanation of the library advertising expense. Alyson Racine, chair for Haston Library, responded that was for the library director position. Marilyn Hackett thanked the library for its book club and the great addition it brings to the community. Voice vote taken; all in favor, motion passed.

**Comparative balance sheet pg. 23, Treasurer's report pg. 28-** Jean Richard/ Gilbert Dewing made motion to accept reports. Voice vote taken; all in favor, motion passed.

**Delinquent tax report pg. 26-** Jean Richard/Gilbert Dewing made motion to accept reports. Voice vote taken; all in favor, motion passed.

**Equipment fund & dog report pg. 27, Select board general orders pg. 33-38-** Jean Richard/Gilbert Dewing made motion to accept reports.

Kim Maynard page 38-borrowed funds, what was the interest rate and do we also pay interest to the equipment fund when we borrow from that? Lisa Larivee, Clerk, rate was about 2.6%, generally don't pay interest back when borrow internally. Voice vote taken; all in favor, motion passed.

**Select board highway & weed harvester orders pg. 39- 42-** Gilbert Dewing/Jean Richard made motion to accept reports.

Kim Maynard page 40-Blouin Bros, Fuel for vehicles \$27,000 is a lot, are we tracking efficiency? Peter Kittell stated the trucks may get 5 miles per gallon when working. Curtis Ploof would like to know the plans for replacing the loader and the grader. Peter Kittell stated that has not been discussed yet, needs to be done soon. Voice vote taken; all in favor, motion passed.

**Franklin fire dept. pg. 43-44, Fire dept. treasurer pg. 45, and Franklin rescue pg. 44, Rescue treasurer pg. 46-** Jean Richard/Gilbert Dewing made motion to accept reports.

Kim Maynard questioned the Boy Scout money, understood that was fundraising money. Sara Rainville stated she was told the Fire Department was given money back from Boy Scouts because they no longer have a club; she was told that money was the initial startup money the club used years ago and if another club starts the money will be given back, believes it to be \$300. Kim stated that may not be accurate and that the amount is important and should be a part of history and reflected in the report. Voice vote taken; all in favor, motion passed.

**Article 9: To see if the voters will vote an adequate sum of money to meet current expenses, deficit, and debt payment of the town as indicated in the proposed municipal budget in the amount of \$659,971?** Jean Richard/ Gilbert Dewing made motion to vote an adequate sum of money to meet current expenses, deficit, and debt payment of the town as indicated in the proposed municipal budget of \$659,971.

Kim Maynard page 31-has the Town lost their voice in controlling the cost of the Ambulance Service and Central Dispatch fees, they seem to have nearly doubled? Peter Kittell stated that the Town has no say; currently the Town is still using money from the sale of the ambulance for Ambulance Service costs. Polly Gadbois stated that apparently there was a meeting in Enosburg about the cost of Ambulance Services; Enosburg has been trying to level fund but costly training requirements from the State are driving the costs; which is what Franklin struggled with. Voice vote taken; all in favor, motion passed.

**Article 10: Will the voters of the Town of Franklin appropriate a sum not to exceed \$2,750 less any specific grant money, to be raised by taxes, to fund a tri-town (Franklin, Highgate, and Swanton) ice arena recreational facility feasibility study?** Michelle

Guilmette/Judith McLaughlin made the motion for the voters of the Town of Franklin appropriate a sum not to exceed \$2,750 less any specific grant money, to be raised by taxes, to fund a tri-town (Franklin, Highgate, and Swanton) ice arena recreational facility feasibility study.

Judith McLaughlin/Robert Cormier amended motion to say "will the voters of the Town of Franklin appropriate a one-time only fee not to exceed \$2,750 less any specific grant money, to be raised by taxes, to fund a tri-town (Franklin, Highgate, and Swanton) ice arena recreational facility feasibility study. Judith stated that this has been talked about before at Town meeting and there has never been a resolution. Peter Magnant stated that the Committee has never asked for money before to fund a tri-town (Franklin, Highgate, and Swanton) ice arena recreational facility feasibility study.

Voice vote taken on adding "one-time only fee" to motion. Ayes have majority. Motion passed.

Jay Denault stated that the Tri-town notes that two facility feasibility grants have already been denied, he is not in favor of this study. Kim stated that grants were applied for to do feasibility studies and that funding was not received, that is why the study has not been done yet. The ice system is on borrowed time, once that fails there will be no ice locally. Committee wants to hear what the communities have to say and they want to determine what the Towns can afford.

Susan Clark would like to know how they determine if we can afford it or not. Kim stated the study will show possible revenue; MAHA has been leasing building, they also put in turf to use in off season. Cecil King noted that some grants have to be repaid, not all free money. Peter Magnant stated that if the committee gets any grants then the \$2750 would be reduced, they currently do not anticipate there being any grant funds available. Clark Hubbard noted a possibility of a new building being constructed in Swanton. Peter Magnant stated part of study is on location but that the current location already has septic, water, utilities, etc. Michelle Guilmette stated that Town of Highgate was awarded a grant of \$196,000 to operate. Peter Magnant replied that money awarded is for ice replacement. Town of Franklin will not pay for 1/3 of cost of study or any future plans, only per capita. Jay Denault concerned nothing may even come from this study and that we are asking tax payers to share in an expense that not all tax payers will benefit from. Hugh Gates spoke about grants and the burden that is being put on future generations from them. Believes study should be done so that people can be informed

about the possibilities and opening up more recreational activities for our youth. Hugh/Cecil would like vote taken by paper ballot. Wendy Sargent agreed that these are tough times but that the report done by the committee was done nicely, not asking for a lot of money from each person. Also agreed that costs should be done per capita. Pierrette Bouchard believes the study is a great investment in our youth's future, it's just a study. Peter Magnant and Kim Maynard are on the committee representing Franklin; Peter encouraged everyone's support of this study and he feels MAHA is doing great things at the arena. The committee's goal is to have the study completed by early fall and something for the voters at that time for review. Burt Maynard stated morale is learned from parents that we should be all proud of our school and Town, let's encourage more morale in our children. Curtis Ploof questioned if Highgate, Swanton and Franklin all have to approve to proceed. Kim stated that is correct. Aaron Porter noted through his job that he sees numerous areas where the kids are getting into trouble on the streets; we don't want our Town to become this way. Let's not put a band-aid on the current facility, let's make something that's going to last long term; parking also should be addressed. He asked why Sheldon has a member on the committee if they are not financially contributing. Kim stated that there are 2 members from each Highgate, Franklin and Swanton and one at large member. Aaron questioned how much longer the ice will last. Peter Magnant responded no one knows for sure, it may not come back in the fall, already exceeded expected life span. Maureen stated that physical activity is great for all ages, which makes people healthier and live longer. Jean Richard/Gilbert Dewing made motion to move the question. In favor 99, opposed 6. Motion passed to cease debate.

Vote taken by paper ballot; Total ballots cast 119, in favor 109, opposed 9. Motion passed to appropriate at sum not to exceed \$2750 less any grants for arena study.

Wayne Fiske/ Robert Cormier made the motion to break for lunch. Voice vote taken; all in favor, motion passed. Adjourned for lunch at 12:09.

Meeting called to order at 1:09 by Tim Magnant.

Tim invited Norm McAllister to speak about what is going on in Montpelier. VT is still alive and well with their community service proven after Hurricane Irene; people work together to get stuff done. Did not have to dig into other resources to fix road damages, used money already allocated for road work. There was a budget adjustment for left over money; money has been spent already on new jobs and positions for DOT. Healthcare plans: 12,000 on Catamount, still same amount of uninsured people as before Catamount, taxpayers paying for, same program as before, don't know cost or how to pay for. Mandatory immunizations of children –people that lived through epidemics had their kids vaccinated, this generation does not-Robert Irish, mandatory for all kids or just that are going to school? Norm not sure, thinks school-Armanda Bouchard a list of vaccines or limited to certain ones? Norm there is a list; it has gone through senate- polio, measles, mumps, rubella and maybe more. Judith McLaughlin clarify-ways to opt out due to religious beliefs, Norm correct, still more to review and work out, he supports even though not in favor of government mandates. Curtis Ploof wondered what was being paved in our area this year. Norm stated roads are an eight year process and the Town has to get on the list first; could be another 2 years before a major highway is done in this area. Judith thanked Norm and Chuck for their service.

**Article 11: As an advisory, non-binding opinion, shall the voters of the Town of Franklin vote to encourage the Franklin Select Board to apply, with the Lake Carmi Campers Association, for state permits and grants for the use of aquatic herbicide at Lake Carmi for weed control.**

Larry Myott/Helen Dever made the motion that the voters of the Town of Franklin vote an advisory, non-binding opinion to encourage the Franklin Select Board to apply, with the Lake Carmi Campers Association, for state permits and grants for the use of aquatic herbicide at Lake Carmi for weed control. Larry stated that in certain areas of the Lake, you cannot get a boat in or out the milfoil is so thick. He gave history on the studies that have been done. LCCA suggesting that Renovate OTF herbicide be used on the milfoil at the Lake; it's been used on 8 lakes in Vermont and all over the country and been very successful. Lake Carmi has about 200 acres that needs to be treated to keep the milfoil under control, very expensive. State of Vermont suggesting using a five year application plan, this will never eliminate the milfoil at the lake, just reduce and control. Yvon has also done research on this issue with other Vermont towns; comments he got 1–chemical works but you have to use every year, don't do spot treatments 2-

very expensive. Some claim size of fish and population has declined since using herbicides; if was not for grants would not be able to use the chemical; some just refuse to use chemicals, they hand pick and some use weebles. Diver that he spoke to thought getting the root ball was the best way to get rid of the weeds, could take a week to do an acre depending on size of the weeds. Farmers using fertilizers and herbicides get blamed for the run-off, should we really be putting them directly on the lake? Something for everyone to think of. Cecil King found that some places are using duck weed to get rid of the milfoil then using to create energy. Has the State looked into anything like this? Judith McLaughlin would like to know if there are other State grants available for hand picking or other natural ways to eliminate the weeds. Yvon stated another Town in Vermont is building a machine to hand pick weeds for a cost of about \$3200, then just need someone to operate. Marilyn Hackett would like to know the side effects of this chemical to the lakes natural habitats or people? Yvon heard from another town someone went into the lake within 36 hours of the chemical being applied and got a rash. Larry stated that the State of Vermont Dept. of Health has not received any complaints of negative effects reported. Wayne Fiske states he is on two watershed committees and that his farm is on a nutrient management program to upgrade the quality of the watershed areas around his farm; feels that more testing should be done to know after effects, against it. Wayne Laroche, former VT Fish & Game Commissioner, is against the project. The weeds in the lake started showing up in 1970's, then the walleye and bass populations increased, there was no walleye in Lake Carmi before that. Who benefits, return on investment? Chance of something bad happening. Michelle Guilmette would like a feasibility study or maintenance plan done on lake. Scott Kohornen questions the cost and what other weed species the chemical may kill? How will it affect lake wildlife, fish, frogs, etc.? Chemical companies do studies then may not be inclined to speak about negative effects. Chris O'Shea, chaired FWC for five years, lots of friction between committee and area farmers; need to think about long term effects for our children and grandchildren; may not see effects for 50 years. Many people come to the lake just for fishing, in its dying stages, the lake needs to be taken care of.

Larry Myott- info from ANR, EPA, not just Manseco. Weeds are choking out the lake; just want the ability to have the select board agree to be the signer to enable LCCA to apply for grants. Kim Maynard questioned if this advisory item is approved, would it come back to the voters for final decision? Peter Magnant stated the board has not specifically discussed but his personal opinion is he would want it to go before the Town for a vote; LCCA agrees. Robert Irish questioned what is being voted on. Select board is looking for guidance. Judith stated with the article as written, if you vote yes, you are encouraging the board to apply for permits and grants to apply herbicides. Cynthia Forsyth questioned if we should wait to see what grants are available and how things are working in Champlain Bay. Yvon stated the board is not in favor of applying for these permits and grants, if the Town votes yes, they will do as the Towns people vote.

Robert Cormier/Judith McLaughlin made amended motion to be worded as "as an advisory, non-binding opinion, shall the voters of the Town of Franklin, vote to encourage the Franklin Select Board to research with the LCCA for grants to use at Lake Carmi for weed control options."

Robert Irish, select board is looking for guidance, don't change the question. Robert Irish/Carolyn Kittell would like amendment rescinded.

Cecil King/Robert Cormier made motion to move the discussion. Vote taken; 88 yes/7 no, motion passed, debate ceased.

Vote taken on amendment of the article; 51 yes/ 29 no, motion passed.

Tim repeats amended article. Kyle Lothian, respects LCCA, they have best interest of Lake at heart. He has previously been weed harvester operator; he has also researched other ways to get rid of weeds. Lake is already infested, can't get any worse; no way to tell what is going to be happening with the lake 50 years from now, financially just won't be able to afford as a Town; he is not in favor of using herbicides. Susan Clark understands difficulty of this issue of the lake and weeds, select board should join LCCA in researching solutions, need to put a priority of finding a solution. Larry called for paper ballots, seven people agreed.

Vote taken; total ballots 97, 78 yes/ 19 no, motion passed as amended: "as an advisory, non-binding opinion, shall the voters of the Town of Franklin, vote to encourage the Franklin Select Board to research with the LCCA for grants to use at Lake Carmi for weed control options."

**Article 12:** A. One select board member for a term of three years. (by ballot) Polly Gadbois nominated Peter Kittell. Hugh Gates nominated Wayne Laroche. Clark Hubbard nominated Mike Lawyer. Susan Clark made motion to close nominations. All in favor. Candidates invited to talk. Vote taken: 97 votes

cast, Peter 29, Wayne 34, and Mike 34. Will vote again as no one have majority of 49 votes. Vote taken: 97 votes cast, Peter 26, Wayne 35, and Mike 36. Will vote again as no one has majority of 49, law states the lowest candidate then drops out if a majority is not had. Peter chooses to drop out. Vote taken: 94 votes cast, Wayne 45, Mike 49-majority needed 47. Mike Lawyer elected select board member for 3 year term.

- B. One select board member for a term of two years. (by ballot) George Godin nominated Peter Kittell. Hugh Gates nominated Wayne Laroche. Peter Kittell withdraws his name. Gilbert Dewing/Jean Richard made motion to close nominations. Voice vote taken; all in favor. Wayne Laroche elected to select board for 2 year term.
- C. One lister for a term of three years. (by ballot) Gilbert Dewing nominated Robert Irish. Jean Richard/Lyle Richard cast one ballot for Robert Irish. Voice vote taken, all in favor. Susan Clark/ Gilbert Dewing close nominations and cast one ballots. Voice vote taken, all in favor.
- D. One auditor for a term of three years. (by ballot) Michelle Guilmette nominated Jean Richard. Susan Clark/ Gilbert Dewing close nominations and cast one ballots. Voice vote taken, all in favor.
- E. A trustee of public money. Michelle Guilmette nominated Susan Clark. Jean Richard/Gilbert Dewing close nominations and cast one ballot. Voice vote taken, all in favor.
- F. A trustee of the Haston Library Fund. Maureen nominated Kim Gates-Maynard. Nancy Magnant/Jean Richard close nominations and cast one ballot. Voice vote taken, all in favor.
- G. Three Haston Library trustees for terms of three years. Alyson Racine nominated Karen Gates, Fran Hopkins and Marcy Stefaniak. Jean Richard/Gilbert Dewing close nominations and cast one ballot. Voice vote taken, all in favor.
- H. A collector of delinquent taxes for a term of one year. Andy Godin nominated Johanna Crane-Godin. Jean Richard/Gilbert Dewing close nominations and cast one ballot. Voice vote taken, all in favor.
- I. Constable for a term of one year. Clark Hubbard nominated Burt Maynard. Jean Richard/Gilbert Dewing close nominations and cast one ballot. Voice vote taken, all in favor.
- J. A town agent to prosecute and defend suits in which the town is interested. Peter Kittell nominated George Godin. Gilbert Dewing/Jean Richard close nominations and cast one ballot. Voice vote taken, all in favor.
- K. One or more grand jurors. Gilbert Dewing nominated Doug Clark. Pauline Favreau nominated Aaron Porter. Justin Rainville nominated Andy Godin. Jean Richard/Gilbert Dewing close nominations and cast one ballot. Voice vote taken, all in favor.
- L. One representative to serve on the Franklin Homestead, Inc. Board of Directors for a term of three years. Gilbert Dewing nominated Jean Richard. Gerald Gates/Gilbert Dewing close nominations and cast one ballot. Voice vote taken all in favor.

**Article 13: To see if the town will authorize the Select board to borrow money in anticipation of taxes for the needs of the town.** Jean Richard/Gilbert Dewing made motion to authorize the Select board to borrow money in anticipation of taxes for the needs of the town. Voice vote taken; all in favor, motion passed.

**Article 14: To elect a person, or persons, to act as cemetery commissioner(s) to care for the cemeteries in town where there is no one responsible to act in such a capacity.** Jean Richard/Gilbert Dewing nominated Nancy Wilson, Jennifer Dewing and Howard Vanselette. Jean Richard/Gilbert Dewing close nominations and cast one ballot. Voice vote taken, all in favor.

**Article 15: To see if the voters will set the date of payment of property taxes paid to the treasurer to be October 15, 2012 before 3:30 p.m.** Johanna Crane-Godin/Jean Richard made the motion to set the date of payment of property taxes paid to the treasurer to be October 15, 2012 before 3:30 p.m. Voice vote taken; all in favor, motion passed.

**Article 16: To see if the town will vote to publish the names of all delinquent property taxpayers and amounts due and owed to the town as of December 31, 2012.** Jean Richard/Gilbert Dewing made the motion to approve publishing the names of all delinquent property taxpayers and amounts due and owed to the town as of December 31, 2012. Marilyn Hackett suggested that we stop shaming delinquent tax payers at town meeting and in the Town report. Aaron Porter stated people should be ashamed for not paying their part and it's important to show it in the Town Report. Johanna Crane-Godin doesn't feel people should be ashamed if they can't pay their property taxes, she understands that. She has numerous people ask what the last date is that people can pay so their name is not in the book. Voice vote taken; ayes win, motion passed.

**Article 17: To elect any town officers to fill any town office that may be vacant at this time.** Alyson Racine stated that the library has a one year trustee position that is open from a trustee resignation, she nominated Susan Clark. Jean Richard/Gilbert Dewing close nominations. Voice vote taken; all in favor.

**Article 18: To transact any other non-binding business thought proper when met.** Wayne Fiske thanked Peter Kittell for his many years of service as a select board member. George Godin added that Peter and Scott have both done a great job as select board members. Tim thanked Justin Gates and Katherine Gates for handling the microphones. Aaron Porter thanked the select board for taking a stance on the prayer issue. Discussed the issue of grants and when they run out, what is the Town going to do then? Has the select board looked into setting up a fund for saving for long term? Marilyn Hackett was pleased to see a welcome extended to all Franklin citizens and a form of civility welcomed. Will be glad to see this issue resolved peacefully in the courts. Polly Gadbois is very proud to be a part of this community and thanked Tim for handling the meeting so well today. Nancy Magnant very proud to be a part of this town. Thanked the cemetery commission for their work as well. Clark Hubbard thanked Tim. Tim thanked everyone for attending and Peter for his 18 years on the select board.

Bryant Reynolds/Peter Magnant moved to adjourn.

Jean Richard/Lyle Richard made motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Recorded and approved in Select Board minutes as of March 12, 2012