

**Town of Franklin
Town Meeting
March 5, 2013**

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 & school directors and Tri-Town recreation facility bond vote. REMINDER: Homestead declarations must be made yearly as of 2013. Moderator Timothy Magnant called the Franklin School District meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was done.

RULES- All questions, comments, etc are to be directed to the moderator; stick to the subject, no personal attacks, let's remain civil to one another; unregistered voters may talk with the moderator and group's permission, unregistered voters were acknowledged by an orange sticker. Meeting follows Roberts Rules unless otherwise stated. Moderator asked permission for Pastor Jason McConnell to speak; no objections. Pastor McConnell spoke to the group about his time in Franklin and a thank you to residents for being united and civil. Have lost one tradition but started another.

Article 1: To elect a moderator for the ensuing year.

Yvon Dandurand nominated Tim Magnant. Jean Richard moved to close nominations. All in favor, Tim Magnant elect as school moderator.

Article 2: To act upon the reports of the school directors. Superintendent, Principal, School Director pg 55-57

Jean Richard/George Godin moved to act upon the reports of the school directors. Superintendent, Principal and School Director on pages 55-57. Jay Denault would like clarification on first paragraph for 2014 budget with no increase to school tax rate, then another place that states the budget is increasing by 3%. Jon Gates states this will not be increasing the tax rate due to the CLA increase and left over funds from the roof bond. All in favor, reports accepted.

Cross-Roads After school program pg 58

Jean Richard/ George Godin moved to act upon the Cross-Roads After school program on page 58. All in favor, report accepted.

FNWSU Treasurer pg 60-63, Agency Funds & Combined balance sheet pg 64 and Franklin Treasurer's report & roof renovation project pg 65

Jean Richard/ George Godin moved to act upon the FNWSU Treasurer Reports page 60-63, Agency Funds & Combined balance sheet page 64 and Franklin Treasurer's report & roof renovation project on page 65. Susan Clark questioned about all the grants and has the board anticipated those being cut. Jon stated that they have been less each year over the past few years. No objections to Becky Hart speaking. Becky stated that they have not received any notification from the State that any of the grants will not be funded as in the past. Jay Denault questioned if the state aid has been figured into these reports as the State education Commissioner is making cuts across the board. Becky discussed the proposed tax rate of \$.569 and that rate is right on track even with cuts. All in favor, reports accepted.

Article 3: Will the voters of the Franklin Town School District appropriate \$1,609,782 necessary for the support of the Franklin Elementary School for the school year beginning July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014?

Jean Richard/George Godin made the motion to approve the Franklin Town School District budget of \$1,609,782 necessary for the support of the Franklin Elementary School for the school year beginning July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. Kim Gates Maynard questioned the roof bond term and payments; Jon- principal will remain the same each year, the interest will vary every year over the 10 year period. All in favor, motion passed.

Article 4: Will the voters of the Franklin Town School District authorize the Board of School Directors to establish a Capital Reserve fund for the purpose of making future capital improvements to the school buildings and grounds, including but not limited to repairing and/or replacing sidewalks, and to transfer the remaining roof account fund balance into this Capital Reserve Fund?

Jean Richard/George Godin made the motion to approve the Board of School Directors to establish a Capital Reserve fund for the purpose of making future capital improvements to the

school buildings and grounds, including but not limited to repairing and/or replacing sidewalks, and to transfer the remaining roof account fund balance into this Capital Reserve Fund. Johanna Crane Godin – is the board looking for additional funds or just moving the current roof account balance? Jon stated they just would like to move the balance of the roof monies to that fund. Kim wanted to know the current balance. Jon stated the current balance is \$15,826.89. George Godin-is this a slush fund or bonus fund? Does the board have to go before the voters to approve the spending or can they just use it? Jon stated it would be for capital expenses as they come up within the school, the funds are targeted towards certain items, just can't spend them on anything they would like; the board has been very transparent with projects. Shawn Corrow questioned if that money will just sit in an account or put somewhere to collect interest? Will the town's people know before a project is done or just after the fact? Jon stated it will be put into a CD and that they are looking into possibly doing the sidewalks in front of the school; they will get as many bids as they need to get the best deal possible. All things are discussed at the monthly school board meetings that are open to the public. Peter Magnant asks is there any place that the school board minutes can be viewed. Tim Magnant stated the minutes are on the Town's website, there usually is a month gap due to having to be approved the following month. All in favor, motion passed.

Article 5: To elect one Franklin School Director for a term of three (3) years.

Jennifer Ploof made the motion to nominate Bob Berger.

Jean Richard made the motion to nominate Jon Gates, Jon declined the nomination.

Marilyn Hackett wanted the candidate to speak on his educational views. Tim stated not our practice to have the candidate speak if only one nomination.

Gilbert Dewing to cast one ballot. All in favor, Bob Berger elected as School Director for 3 years.

Article 6: 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?

Jean Richard/George Godin made the 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. All in favor, motion passed.

Article 7: To transact any other business legally authorized to be transacted; considered appropriate and necessary when met.

Tim thanked Jon for all his years on the School Board; he has been on the board for 13 years and done a great job. A plaque was presented to Jon by Tim. Jon stated it has been an honor to serve the Town and the School; he had great people supporting him along the way, Franklin is just a great community and that has helped to make the school successful.

Marilyn Hackett spoke on Jason McConnell's speech and was delighted to see that a new tradition has been started off school property. Tim encouraged her to speak about this during the Town's meeting portion.

Jean Richard made the motion to adjourn the school meeting. All in favor, School meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

CLOSE TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING AND ENTER REGULAR TOWN MEETING

Article 8: To elect a moderator for the ensuing year.

Jean Richard/George Godin nominated Tim Magnant. Clark Hubbard moved to close nominations. All in favor, Tim Magnant elected Town moderator.

Article 9: To elect a Town Clerk for a three-year term.

Jean Richard nominated Lisa Larivee. Clark Hubbard moved to close nominations. All in favor, Lisa Larivee elected as Town Clerk for 3 years.

Article 10: To receive and act upon the reports of the several town officers.

Auditor's pg 11, Select board pg 12-13

Gilbert Dewing/Johanna Crane Godin made the motion to approve the Auditor's report on page 11 and the Select board pages 12-13. Hugh Gates questioned if the engineer looked at any other locations for the sand shed other than by the current garage. Peter Magnant responded that they asked the engineer to find the best location on town property and it was by the garage.

Hugh also questioned the dog issues within Town this year and the rise in expenses. Peter stated that dogs have been an issue since he got on the board; there was an issue that required the Town to acquire legal counsel in regards to a dog in Town.

George Godin questioned the cost of building the Tri-Town Arena project and how the business will be run after the renovations are done? Kim Gates Maynard is the chair of the Tri-Town Recreation committee; today's bond is for the joint ownership with Highgate and Swanton and the expansion and renovation of the current facility. It is anticipated that each year there will be enough revenue to keep it running but not to cover debt services.

George Godin page 12 septic study- does the study funding have to be paid back if the plan is not implemented? Peter stated the state funding for the study will only have to be paid back if the plan is implemented. All in favor, motion passed.

Road Commissioner pg 14, paving progress & road maintenance pg 15

Gilbert Dewing/George Godin made the motion to approve the Road Commissioner report on page 14 and the paving progress & road maintenance page 15. Kim would like to know what hill on Riley Road is being repaved. Kyle stated the hill by Jay Denaults. Kim noted that this is not the first time that this area has been replaced and wanted to know how this is going to be fixed. Kyle stated that they are speaking with Pike and road engineers about this area. Kim would like to know more about ditching and sand on these road reports. Kyle stated will try to add that for next year.

Richard Mercy thanked Kyle for the work that has been done on Dewing Shore Road. He asked if there was any plan to pave Dewing Shore Road. Kyle advised not as this time. Corinna Stanley resident of Dewing Road, questioned if Dewing Road is being resurfaced. Kyle stated the highway crew recommended it to be resurfaced. Corinna questioned why it's being done again. Kyle and road crews talked and they felt this was an important road to do. Johanna questioned why Barnum Road receives more chloride than Dandurand Road. Kyle stated the he did not realize that was the case and it will be addressed with the highway crew. Aaron Porter stated Messier Road was only graded twice and Dandurand Road was done 5 times, what warrants the difference? Kyle stated that the Road Foreman makes the decision when to grade and what; Kyle stated he will look into it. Keith Graham-hydraulic study on Dewing Road bridge, has anyone done a study about the downstream effects from the new culvert. Kyle stated the study was done on the Lake, to his knowledge was not done for downstream. Keith concerned about the water level at Mill Pond and possible flooding to his property; would like that looked into. Wayne stated that it requires a Hydraulic State permit before any work is started; the Mill Pond level is also regulated and this is to help with ongoing erosion around the lake. Burt Maynard discussed the boards being adjusted on Mill Pond. Wayne stated that it's not the boards in the damn; it's about the culverts being undersized. The boards will not have any impact until the culverts are changed. Keith stated that what is coming out of the Lake is going to make Mill Pond rise; it won't be able to keep up with the additional amount of water flowing through. Wayne stated that there should not be a brook flowing, the Lake and Mill Pond should be the same level with no moving water unless there is storm activity which largely increases the water level. Wayne Fiske questioned if there had been a 10 year study done on this; also discussed climate changes and the downstream effect as well. Wayne stated that flow of the lake has been studied and there is a report available at the Town Clerk's Office for public viewing. Kim Gates Maynard questioned if the select board would be holding any public meetings before the project was started. Peter stated that the board has not discussed holding a public meeting before hand but if that's what the community wants the board would be open to that. George Godin questioned if there is a vote today on the 10% project funding? Tim stated there is no warned article to vote today on the funding. Peter stated that there is a line item in the budget for \$15,000; the necessary funds, there is not an article on the project specifically; the study has already been completed. George stated that the study is not complete as there are many unanswered questions about downstream. Wayne stated that is all part of the permit process and a 401 permit will be needed. Judith McLaughlin stated that the study has been done, but the permit has not been received yet? What if the permit does not allow the project to be completed this year? Peter stated that if not completed this year the funds would remain at the end of the year in the budget. Robert Cormier brought up Mill Pond water height. Wayne stated the study was done on the Lake and the culverts; culverts 3x to small and causing erosion around the lake. Replacing the undersized culverts should help prevent the large influx of water through Mill Pond. Flooding at Mill Pond has not been specifically addressed. Burt Maynard did not disagree that the culvert needs to be replaced; he noted that Mill Pond is very shallow in the middle, is the Town liable if there is erosion down street from the replacement of the culverts?

Peter stated that in his mind the Town is always liable, but if the Town goes through the proper channels with the study and permits that all will be improved. Susan Clark stated that the waters are State owned and that the State is liable, not the Town. Susan spoke of laws governing the damn. Donald Cooper stated that the culverts by his home and the Graham's are getting flooded and his basement has flooded in the past as well, ever since people have started messing with the lake. Keith Graham was given permission to speak. He would like to table the motion on this project. Tim advised that we are just approving reports at this time, that motion can be made later during the budget process. Pierrette Bouchard moved the question. 2/3 in favor, discussion ceased. All in favor, reports accepted.

Planning Commission and Health Officer pg 16, Zoning Administrator & Zoning Board of Adjustment pg 17

Jean Richard/George Godin made the motion to approve the Planning Commission and Health Officer reports on page 16, Zoning Administrator & Zoning Board of Adjustment reports on page 17. All in favor, motion passed.

Emergency Management Coordinators & cemetery commissioners report pg 18

Jean Richard/Clark Hubbard made the motion to approve the Emergency Management Coordinators & cemetery commissioners report page 18. All in favor, motion passed.

Franklin Homestead & VT Community Development Block Grant pg 19

Clark Hubbard/Susan Clark made the motion to approve the Franklin Homestead & VT Community Development Block Grant page 19. Hugh Gates would like that the Franklin Homestead report include more details on occupancy and financials as well. Also more information on the VT Community Development Block Grant would be beneficial to the Town; are they meeting the affordability covenants and are they sustained. Kim Gates Maynard questioned no payments were received and none were due? Jean Richard stated that they are meeting the covenants and no money is owed back until they show a profit.

All in favor, motion passed.

Watershed Committee report & financial report pg 20-21

Jean Richard/George Godin made the motion to approve the Watershed Committee report & financial report page 20-21. Kim Gates Maynard questioned income and expenses from grants, they don't match up. Susan Clark spoke on behalf of the FWC; the State grant monies have to be spent before they are paid to the FWC so there is a time lapse. George Godin expenses-who did they get the short term loan from? Susan Clark stated that the short term loan was to get the FWC through the year; there was a large amount of money owed to cover crop projects and FWC felt those people were owed the money before the end of the year. Susan stated it was a 30 day loan, no interest and that people don't need to know who the loan was from, it was paid back within the 30 days. Hugh read it as money was lent, not FWC getting a loan. Susan responded that the income was in December 2011 and payback was in January 2012. Jean Richard spoke as an auditor and that everything was documented, there was a trail for all transactions. All in favor, motion passed.

Lake Carmi Campers association pg 22 and Franklin Historical Society pg 23

Jean Richard/George Godin made the motion to approve the Lake Carmi Campers Association report pg 22 and Franklin Historical Society pg 23. Richard Mercy brought up the milfoil issues at the lake and what else can be done to rid the lake of it? Wayne answered that there is not a way to completely eradicate the lake of it. George Godin stated that he has heard that harvesting the weeds with the machine is actually spreading the milfoil, the only way to get rid of it is to pull it. Wayne stated that is correct. Johanna Crane Godin questioned the amount of coverage hours that the LCCA has contracted the Sherriff's department for. No one present from LCCA to answer question. Cecil King suggested a competitor of the milfoil such as duckweed. All in favor, motion passed.

Haston library trustees report pg 24, Haston Library combined report pg 25, Haston Library & Eben Racine memorial funds and Haston Library window refurbishment funds pg 26

Jean Richard/Johanna Crane Godin made the motion to approve the Haston library trustees report page 24, Haston Library combined report page 25, Haston Library & Eben Racine memorial funds and Haston Library window refurbishment funds page 26. Marilyn Hackett spoke of the monthly book club that meets at the library. All in favor, motion approved.

Comparative balance sheet pg 27 and Treasurers report pg 32

Jean Richard/George Godin made the motion to approve the Comparative balance sheet page 27 and Treasurers report page 32. Kim Gates Maynard page 32 borrowed funds line item-where was it borrowed from and what % and how long borrowed. Lisa-Town borrowed from Community National Bank at 2.5%+/-, 90 day loan until taxes collected. All in favor, motion approved.

Delinquent tax report pg 30

Jean Richard/Johanna Crane Godin made the motion to approve Delinquent tax report page 30. All in favor, motion passed.

Equipment Fund and dog report pg 31 and select board general orders pg 37-42

Jean Richard/George Godin made the motion to approve the Equipment Fund and dog report page 31 and select board general orders page 37-42. Kim Gates Maynard page 31-what the equipment replacement fund plan is? What are the years on all equipment? Peter stated there are no plans to replace a truck this year, not going by years-going by quality and performance of the trucks. No time table to replacing any trucks. Howard Vansette stated loader-1988, grader 1982, Mac 2006, International 2010. Kim page 39 library/office Blouin Bros. credit of \$8500; Lisa stated the town and school prepaid monthly budget payments, we both over paid and then switched carriers. Blouins paid all credit back to the Town then the town reimbursed school. Kim page 41 town hall sidewalk- Peter stated that is the section in front of the church that runs parallel to Main St that was replaced when the church did all of their sidewalks. All in favor, motion passed.

Select board highway orders pg 43-47 and weed harvester orders pg 47

Jean Richard/George Godin made the motion to approve the Select board highway orders page 43-47 and weed harvester orders page 47. Kim Gates Maynard gravel expense- would like to see broken down by load for each supplier. Kim-Sheldon trucks expense of \$9496.65, what is it for? Howard states this was for replacing the clutch and clutch fan for the transmission of Mac truck. Kim page 47-what year is weed harvester and what is the life expectancy? Kyle stated at least early 1980's and that we are past its life expectancy; the person that operates the harvester needs to be a mechanic as well. Kyle believes that is partially why so much milfoil is being lost as it's being run. All in favor, motion passed.

Franklin Fire Department report pg 48-49 & Fire department treasurer pg 50, Franklin rescue report pg 49 & rescue treasurer report pg 51

Jean Richard/George Godin made the motion to approve the Franklin Fire Department report page 48-49 & Fire department treasurer page 50, Franklin rescue report page 49 & rescue treasurer report page 51. Susan Clark would like to know what the certified members responsibilities are in the Town of Franklin without a rescue service. Polly responded that everyone responds from their homes and that most calls can be responded to just as quickly by EAS. Training requirements are getting stricter with the State and current members are training with EAS. Susan wanted to know the members current rolls in the community. Polly stated that FRS is paged at the same time as EAS; many members that are still qualified work during the day so can only respond when home and FRS wants to still be able to assist FFD when they are out at calls. George Godin page 49, paragraph 3- what is the regional ambulance service. Polly discussed the costs of maintaining a service and amount of training that is required makes it hard for a small town service like Franklin to exist. A regional ambulance service would benefit all as Town lines would not dictate where members could respond; proximity would be first and patient care. All in favor, motion passed.

Tim invited Chuck Pearce and Stephen Beyor, State Reps to speak.

Chuck is on the appropriation committee=state budget :5.6% increase in budget with 79 new positions, 25 in mental health, 18 economics service division

Education-free school lunch for all income eligible; early education; preschool; VT strong scholarship program, higher education funding 3% increase for all VT tuition; low income home energy programs, thermal energy, funding by break open tickets-this would take away from their charity donations-not going to pass; VT health connect, transportation budget-bonding & gas tax-no decision made yet, still in committee, expected to be voted on next week gas tax up 8 to 9 cents; budget needs to have substantial cuts made for him to support it

Stephen is on fish & wildlife and natural resources board-most funds being taken up by water resources, trying to bring sensibility to some of the new bills and some that are already being discussed. 401- municipal flood plains, important to have a plan at the Town level; shoreline

protection bill-good idea but takes many rights away from property owners such as what you can grow within certain limits; hunting bill-posting rule-antlerless permits not allowed for people that post or by permission only; ATV's allowed to be used to hunt from for over 65 or handicapped persons

Judith McLaughlin-property tax; Chuck \$.05 this year, next year up \$.09-\$.14-funding formula. Definite increase for next year, need to change the funding formula.

Richard Mercy-pull tabs-Richford legion has, they use the money to give out scholarships each year, 90% of that money comes from the pull tabs, Kamp-ta-Kump-ta also receives money from Richford.

Dan Larivee-everyone else has to cut back but state never seems to cut back; Chuck stated people are starting to realize that budget is not realistic, really hoping for more changes; Dan feels that maybe some staff need to be cut; Chuck said that some positions can't be cut like the state hospital, but others not needed at this time.

Clark Hubbard questioned the posting of your property and not being able to get a doe permit, state telling the landowner what they can do. Stephen stated that they are trying to control the doe herd in areas.

Rob Cormier commented that people have the potential to get property tax increase of \$.05 this year plus gas tax and automatic increase next year of \$.09-\$.14. Chuck stated it also depends on school budget increases; feels that schools in our districts have done pretty well with their budgets and keeping them tight.

Jeff Teitlebaum questioned who changes the formula? What can Chuck do to help us? Chuck stated it's up to the legislature and that no one wants to tackle the challenge. Stowe rep has been working on it but was overturned. Supermajority rules and gets things put through.

Tim thanked both men for speaking and wished them well in Montpelier.

Tim recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:05 p.m., will reconvene at 1:00 p.m.

Tim reconvened the meeting at 1:10p.m.

Article 11: 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? \$682,982.00

Jean Richard/Gilbert Dewing made the motion to appropriate \$682,982.00 to meet current expenses, deficit, and debt payment of the town as indicated in the proposed municipal budget. Kim Gates Maynard-dispatch services have increased again this year, when is there an end? And highway insurance is up \$5000, why? Michelle Guilmette stated the narrative on page 33 answers some of those questions. Kyle stated not a cost that we can control with emergency dispatch. Peter stated that highway insurance has changed because of previous lawsuits and insurance claims. Johanna Crane Godin would like a further explanation on that. Peter said that the prayer lawsuit and right-of-way lawsuit caused the insurance to increase.

Susan Clark-is the Town currently in any lawsuits? Peter stated not that he is aware of. Hugh Gates inquires the in general expenses with EAS, who determines the increase in population? Polly stated it's based on the 2010 Census.

George Godin stated that chloride is over budget and the budget remains the same this year as last. What is the reason? Kyle stated that they were under budget on other items so they filled the empty tanks at the 2012 cost for 2013.

Hugh Gates stated that the last line item in the highway budget is \$15,000 for the Dewing Road Bridge Project, now is the time to cut the budget. Keith Graham/Hugh Gates would like to make the motion to cut the municipal budget by \$15,000, that was line itemed for the Dewing Road Bridge Project in the highway budget, making the proposed municipal budget \$667,982.00. Susan Clark questioned the legality of cutting a specific line item in the municipal budget. Tim advised that you can do that in the Town budget, but not the school budget. Susan does not feel that the board has done this in a frivolous manner, the engineers have done the work and are the experts and given the Town their recommendations; she is in favor of the project. Cecil King questioned why this would be a good thing for the Town/Lake Carmi. Wayne stated it will help to prevent erosion and preserve work that the Town has already done on Dewing Shore Road. Also, when the water level is over the culvert and if someone was to fall in, it would pose a serious problem. Cecil questioned if the Mill Pond will be worked on as well to compensate for the extra water. Wayne stated that a hydrologist will determine that when the permit is applied for, there should be minimal change at Mill Pond in his opinion. Polly asked if we cut this item, does it jeopardize this grant. Kyle stated yes it does. Rob Cormier wants more specific answers about the water flow into Mill Pond and what the cause & effect will be. Wayne stated only the extra water that goes into the lake is the only water that will come out; it means that the extra

water will not be stored in the lake because the culverts are not sufficient. Keith Graham wants to know if he is already experiencing flooding, how this is going to correct it. The culvert is between his house and Donald Cooper; some people at the State level don't even know the culvert exits. Judith McLaughlin noted that this is clearly a very emotional issue; when applying for the permit, don't the adjoining land owners have to be notified? Peter stated that they will look into having a public hearing. George Godin discussed the culvert and its draining. Cecil King questioned the full cost of the project. Peter stated that we have to match the \$150,000 grant so that is why the Town has budgeted the \$15,000 if they use the full grant amount. Bryant Reynolds moved the question. 63 in favor of ending debate, 12 not ending debate. Debate ended on the motion made by Keith Graham/Hugh Gates to cut the municipal budget by \$15,000, that was line itemed for the Dewing Road Bridge Project in the highway budget, making the proposed municipal budget \$667,982.00. Voice vote taken, "no" votes have majority, motion failed.

Scott Kohornen questioned how much of the paving budget is put toward resurfacing Dewing Road. Kyle stated no exact numbers have been assigned to roads yet, still depending on grants. Andrew Rainville understands people's concerns with the culverts but feels the board was elected by the people and that they will do the best interest in the Town. Susan Clark would like in the future, to vote all the small money articles before voting for the entire budget.

Majority in favor by voice vote, motion passed to appropriate \$682,982.00 to meet current expenses, deficit, and debt payment of the town as indicated in the proposed municipal budget.

Article 12: Will the voters of the Town of Franklin approve the appropriation, as requested, by the Watershed Committee in the sum of \$5,000?

George Godin/Jean Richard made the motion to approve the appropriation, as requested, by the Watershed Committee in the sum of \$5,000. Jeff Teitlebaum, FWC, spoke about FWC & Lake Carmi and the phosphorous levels/pollution. 20 hour per week coordinator paid through 319 funds, those funds are not available this year; FWC asking for a one time increase from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Shawn Corrow wondering if this will really turn into a yearly increase? Jeff stated he can't tell with certainty; there has been some discussion about possibly having one coordinator for numerous watershed organizations. Cecil King thought that he heard that there had been some improvement in the lake quality from 2011 to 2012, was he mistaken? Jeff stated its difficult to quantify; last summer was a very dry summer compared to the summer before. Wayne Fiske also on FWC, would like to see grants for helping campers around the lake to help with the problem there. Susan Clark noted that FWC is the leader in meeting with entities that help take care of pollution; all need to work more closely together to solve the problems. Robert Irish stated that camps represent 25%+/- of the Town's tax base, we need to preserve that %, and they do not use their portion of the services allocated to them; important that we do not lose them from our tax base. Bryant Reynolds moved the question. More than 2/3 standing, discussion ended. All in favor, motion passed.

Article 13: Will the voters of the Town of Franklin approve Franklin County Sheriff coverage in the amount of \$3,500 plus \$500 for court fees, as necessary, for 80 hours of coverage from Memorial Day to Labor Day?

George Godin/Jean Richard made the motion to approve Franklin County Sheriff coverage in the amount of \$3,500 plus \$500 for court fees, as necessary, for 80 hours of coverage from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Polly Gadbois/Judith McLaughlin amended the motion to approve Franklin County Sheriff coverage in the amount of \$4,000 as necessary at board's discretion, for 80 hours of coverage from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Wayne Fiske questioned if we could get more than 80 hours of coverage? Kyle stated yes, it is possible. 59 yes/9 opposed. Amended motion passed.

Kim stated that we raised it to \$4,000 but did not make a change to hours of service. Polly stated the \$500 is if an officer has to testify in court and that the extra money could buy more coverage hours. Judith McLaughlin asked if there was money left after the 80 hours would they use the remaining funds for more hours at the discretion of the board? Kyle stated that the 80 hours is not written in stone, was a number that Sherriff Norris had given the board. Jean Richard questioned if the 80 hours was going to be spread over the entire year? Kyle stated that it was for Memorial Day to Labor Day. Jean Richard/Wayne Fiske would like to amend the motion to read "Franklin County Sherriff coverage in the amount of \$4,000 for 80 or more hours of coverage to be reduced by any court fees from Memorial Day to Labor Day". Wayne stated that any fines issued by the Sherriff's department, a portion will come back to the Town. Keith Graham questioned when the hours would be. Kyle stated that it was up to the select board and the sheriff's office to determine the best times. Richard Mercy wanted to know how the hours are going to be tracked. Kyle stated that the board will receive a report. Curtis Ploof questioned

why we have to hire the Sherriff's department when we are already in Franklin County, do we have to pay for the State Troopers in town? Kyle stated it all goes back to the Brown's Corner intersection stop sign and people not obeying the signs. 2/3 of the Sherriff department fines come back to the Town of Franklin; they will work to enforce Town ordinances. Sherriff doesn't come to your town unless you contract with them; they only come if they are requested by another agency for back up. Aaron Porter moved the question. 2/3 vote in favor of ending debate. Voice vote taken, majority in favor, amended motion passed.

Corinna Stanley discussed the benefits of the coverage and supports it.

Aaron Porter discussed the benefits of a neighborhood watch, this coverage is 1 day a week, one shift-he is against this for the cost.

Hugh Gates questioned us getting money back on all fines, could this be a money maker for the town? Kyle stated that the Town will receive 2/3 back on all paid fines.

Marilyn Hackett questioned why this time frame for the coverage of Memorial Day to Labor Day. Kyle stated that the population almost triples during those months, that's why those months were targeted.

Shawn Corrow -1 year evaluation, what will determine that trial run. Kyle stated it has not been discussed that far yet. Police presence, fines help to cover cost, worth trying for a year.

Cecil King atv policy in the village? Kyle stated the Town has a ATV policy, used on dirt road and not paved roads unless agriculture.

Andy Rainville questioned the court process. Kyle stated the court fees are if a person contests the fine and the officer has to go to court.

Hugh Gates would like a record of where the people live that are fined so that the Town is not accused of profiling.

Jay Denault states this is not just about people that are violating town & state laws, also would be beneficial for school security.

Byrant Reynolds moved the question. 2/3 in favor, debate ended.

Franklin County Sherriff coverage in the amount of \$4,000 for 80 or more hours of coverage to be reduced by any court fees from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Jean Richard requests a division; Vote taken 65 in favor, 10 opposed, motion passed.

Article 14: Shall the voters authorize the Town of Franklin Selectboard to borrow not more than \$110,000, for a term not to exceed five (5) years, for construction of a sand shed project?

George Godin/Jean Richard made the motion to authorize the Town of Franklin Selectboard to borrow not more than \$110,000, for a term not to exceed five (5) years, for construction of a sand shed project. Paul Gates stated that this has been brought up 2 years ago and he suggested then that it could be covered in plastic, has this been considered? Also, what other sites have been looked at for the location? Yvon Dandurand stated that to his knowledge the plastic has not been tried. The location would be south/south west of the current sand pile; an uncovered sand pile is wasteful and it requires approx. 20 tons of salt to be put in it to prevent it from freezing. The salt is bad for the dirt roads and make them muddier in the spring; increases cost & repairs to these roads. The town has 25 miles of dirt roads and average a cost of \$1600 per mile per year for maintenance with salt being the big contributor; salt leaches out of the sand during rainy winters and causes sand to harden then has to be broken up to be used by trucks, thus more labor and time is required by the highway crew. The sand can also be a hazard to the road crew and residents that use it when it overhangs after a load has been taken out. Letters have been received from VTrans and NRP about sand piles. Franklin is planning ahead before the State mandates how we build one and it could cost 25%+ more with their specs. Paul noted that the structure could be obstructing the use of the Town's owned land; he would like to see another location for the sand shed. Peter Magnant responded that FTC had offered to lease the Town some land for the shed at another location, the board reviewed this option and decided it was best to build on land the Town already owns rather than build on leased land. Peter feels that the highway department can reduce the amount of sand purchased by having it covered. Kim Gates Maynard thanked the select board for their work but doesn't support the project at this time. She feels that this would degrade the Town and that it is very costly. Why doesn't the town try covering the sand pile for a year or two, and then decide. Land committee also needs to take this into consideration. A capital plan would be beneficial in this report too. Judith McLaughlin how can the Town afford this with the increase state taxes? Lisa stated the sand shed would be about \$.02 on the tax rate per \$100,000. Pierrette Bouchard questioned what would the difference be in savings on salt? Yvon states it cost \$64 per ton for salt that we would save and it would also save on the road repairs & maintenance. Robert Irish-right-of-way issue resolved? Peter stated that the lawsuit has been settled and that the sand shed was fine where it was; would also be less trucks traveling due to less loads of sand/salt trucked in. Richard Mercy

feels that after everything he has heard, the shed will pay for itself in a short time. Andrew Rainville moved the question. 54 in favor/13 opposed, debate ceased. Kim Gates Maynard requested vote by paper ballot, 6 others agree. Paper ballot taken, polls closed. 54 in favor and 33 opposed, motion passed.

Article 15: Shall the voters of the Town of Franklin adopt a July through June fiscal year, effective July 1, 2014 as provided by Title 24 V.S.A. § 1683(c). If approved, two budgets will be presented at Town Meeting 2014. The first would be a six month municipal budget covering the period from January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014. The second and subsequent budgets will be a full year municipal budget covering the period from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

Michelle Guilmette/George Godin made the motion to adopt a July through June fiscal year, effective July 1, 2014 as provided by Title 24 V.S.A. § 1683(c). Jay Hartman if this is adopted, does this have any impact on Town Meeting today? Peter stated no, Town meeting will stay the same; this may eliminate the need for the Town to borrow funds in the future with ease of cash flow; easier budgeting for winter highway expenses. The Town may have a partial tax payment the first year then the balance in October. Vote taken, majority in favor, motion passed.

Article 16: A. One select board member for a term of three years. (by ballot)

Curtis Ploof nominates Peter Magnant.

Tyler Godin nominates Andrew Godin.

Jean Richard closed nominations; paper ballot done, polls closed.

68 Peter Magnant 18 Andrew Godin 1 Tim Magnant, 3 blanks; Peter Magnant elected

B. One select board member for a term of two years. (by ballot)

Justin Rainville nominates Yvon Dandurand. Jean Richard closed nominations; Clerk casts one ballot, all in favor, Yvon elected.

C. One select board member for an unexpired term of three years with 2 years remaining. (by ballot)

Justin Rainville nominates Andrew Godin. Jean Richard closed nominations; Clerk casts one ballot, all in favor, Andrew elected.

D. One lister for a term of three years. (by ballot)

Jean Richard nominates Gilbert Dewing. Judith McLaughlin closed nominations; Clerk casts one ballot, all in favor, Gilbert elected.

E. One auditor for a term of three years. (by ballot)

Michelle Guilmette nominates Carole Richard. Jean Richard closed nominations; Clerk casts one ballot, all in favor, Carole elected.

F. A trustee of public money for a term of one year.

Bryant Reynolds nominates Susan Clark. Jean Richard closed nominations; all in favor, Susan elected.

G. A trustee of the Haston Library Fund for a term of one year.

Susan Clark nominates Kim Gates Maynard. Jean Richard closed nominations; all in favor, Kim elected.

H. Four Haston Library trustees; two for a term of three years; one for an unfulfilled term of one year; one for an unfulfilled term of two years.

Bryant Reynolds nominates Carole Richard and Jennifer Bright, each for a three year term. Jean Richard closed nominations; all in favor, Carole & Jennifer elected

Bryant Reynolds nominates Susan Clark for an unfulfilled one year term. Jean Richard closed nominations; all in favor, Susan elected.

Bryant Reynolds nominates Linda Hartman for an unfulfilled two year term. Jean Richard closed nominations; all in favor, Linda elected.

I. A collector of delinquent taxes for a term of one year.

Susan Clark nominates Johanna Crane Godin. Jean Richard closed nominations; all in favor, Johanna elected.

J. A constable for a term of one year.

Bill Mayo nominates Burt Maynard. Susan Clark closed nominations; all in favor, Burt elected.

K. A town agent to prosecute and defend suits in which the Town is interested.

Johanna Crane Godin nominates George Godin. Jean Richard closed nominations; all in favor, George elected.

L. One or more grand jurors.

George Godin nominates Doug Clark & Aaron Porter. Jean Richard closed nominations; all in favor, Doug & Aaron elected.

M. One representative to serve on the Franklin Homestead, Inc. Board of Directors for a term of three years.

Susan Clark nominates Kay Papazoni. Jean Richard closed nominations; all in favor, Kay elected.

Article 17: To see if the town will authorize the Select board to borrow money in anticipation of taxes for the needs of the town.

Gilbert Dewing/Jean Richard made the motion to authorize the Select board to borrow money in anticipation of taxes for the needs of the town. All in favor, motion passed.

Article 18: 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 nominates Nancy Wilson, Jennifer Dewing and Howard Vansette.

George Godin spoke about the wonderful work that they have done as well as the people before them. Gilbert Dewing closed nominations; all in favor- Nancy, Jennifer and Howard elected.

Article 19: To see if the voters will set the date of payment of property taxes paid to the treasurer to be October 15, 2013 before 3:30 p.m.

Jean Richard/Gilbert Dewing made the motion to approve date of payment of property taxes paid to the treasurer to be October 15, 2013 before 3:30 p.m. Robert Irish questioned the day of the week; Sara Rainville stated it's a Tuesday. All in favor, motion passed.

Article 20: 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, 2013.

Jean Richard/Imogene Rainville 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, 2013. Marilyn Hackett spoke about how this is a practice that needs to be discarded, she recommends voting this article down. Division requested; 60 in favor, 14 opposed, motion passed.

Article 21: To elect any town officers to fill any town office that may be vacant at this time.

Jean Richard made the motion to pass over, all in favor, motion passed.

Article 22: To transact any other non-binding business thought proper when met.

Kim Gates Maynard reminded everyone that the vote is going on for the Tri-Town Arena facility until 7:00 p.m. She encouraged all to read the information provided and asked for everyone's support; she gave a summary of the project.

Burt Maynard is in support of the arena project, keeps kids off the street.

Marilyn Hackett commented that she was glad to see that the prayer was not held on government property and liked Jason McConnell's statement of gracious good will; however she questions his use of religious language in those statements.

Tim thanked the students that did the microphones.

Diane Gates talked about the Home Energy Challenge that Franklin has enrolled in through Efficiency Vermont and encourage participation.

Bryant Reynolds thanked everyone for donating food & supplies and supporting the Library for their luncheon.

Hugh Gates informed everyone that Dick & Kelly Wright donated \$100,000 to the Homestead for rental assistance years ago; FFD, FRS, Haston Library and Franklin United Church received funds from the Wright's trusts recently.

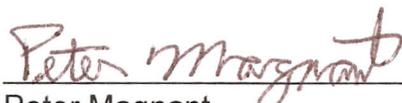
Peter Magnant advised we are in need of a town clock keeper and have zoning board of adjustment openings

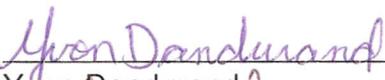
Jean Richard/Michelle Guilmette made motion to adjourn the meeting; meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

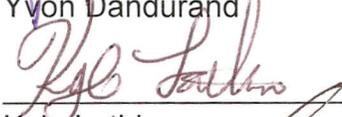
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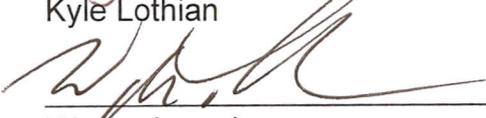
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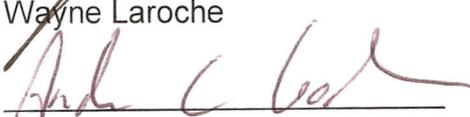
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