

**Town of Franklin  
Town Meeting  
March 3, 2015**

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.

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Richard Mercy, Navy Veteran.

Moderator Timothy Magnant called the Franklin School District & Town Meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Franklin School District meeting started.

**1. To elect a moderator for the ensuing year.**

Jean Richard/Clark Hubbard nominated Tim Magnant. Gilbert Dewing/Richard Mercy cast one ballot. Vote taken, all in favor; Tim Magnant elected moderator.

RULES- All questions, comments, etc are to be directed to the moderator; let's remain civil to one another; unregistered voters were identified and reminded that they may talk with the moderator and group's permission. Paper ballot rules were reviewed. Meeting follows Roberts Rules unless otherwise stated.

**2. To act upon the reports of the school directors.**

**Superintendent, Principal, School Director pages 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, and 65.**

Jean Richard/ Gilbert Dewing made motion to approve reports as written.

Kim Gates-Maynard noted concerns she has on page 60-63 Superintendent Report-school consolidation, teacher negotiations, roles & responsibility's; she feels that we will be losing local input, voice, vote; how can we still be involved when the system is taking all control away from local voice?

Winton Goodrich, FNWSU Superintendent, stated that the roles & responsibility's issue has been statewide for years, they simply want to be clear on who does what, when & how often, all groups need to be efficient as can be. He stated that the consolidation discussion has been in the legislature; the biggest reason for the consolidation is that the student count has been steadily decreasing over the past 10 years but the same amount of staff is still being employed, the largest part of a school's budget is staffing. FNWSU is the 7<sup>th</sup> largest supervisory union out of 60+ in VT.

Kim noted that the selectboard has a handbook from VLCT that guides them; does the school board have something similar? Winton stated that all school board members do have a handbook from VSBA, they are also required to attend school board training.

Marilyn Hackett questioned the reports on page 66-67 and the after school program participation in Franklin as well as why it's not included in the budget for funding. Joyce Hakey stated it is not in the school budget because the board and herself have felt for many years that it is not the tax payers duty to fund after school programs; Franklin has excellent participation in the after school program, the program includes grades 4-6 and approximately 80% of those student are participating.

Richard Mercy commented that VT has some of the best education in the US; he fully supports the Franklin school budget.

Jay Denault noted that Franklin School has always been very successful, why are we now replacing what has been working so well with new common core, he wants facts of success, not opinions. Winton Goodrich replied that is a broad question, VT has had standards since 1997, common core is simple augmenting those standards; previously there has been no consistency across 50 US States, the common core is creating a system for those standards across all states. Furthermore the NECAP assessment only assesses certain areas on learning, not all areas; the SBAC is new testing to take place this spring that will encompass all areas of learning. Jay questioned that if parents disagree with elements of common core, what process is there to change? Winton stated that the curriculum is guided by school boards, not common core; he encourages everyone with concerns to attend the school board meetings.

Yvon Dandurand stated that the school consolidation bill was in the House of Education Committee and voted on last Friday 11-0 to move forward with school consolidation, 277 districts reduced to 60 districts and it will be brought to senate to vote on

March 2015; there will be many stipulations added to it along the way, one being a cap on per pupil increase of no more than 2%. Winton Goodrich - bill H361, supervisory structure, per pupil cap, class size ratio, teacher to staff ratio, students to professional staff ratio, 105<sup>th</sup> at 105<sup>th</sup> best/least of spending- Franklin has lowest spending per pupil

Joyce Hakey-Franklin has kept budget low for years, not fair for all schools to cap at 2%.

Vote taken, all in favor of accepting reports as written, motion passed.

#### **Cross Roads After School Program pages 66, 67**

Jean Richard/Gilbert Dewing made motion to accept reports as written.

Marilyn Hackett stated that she doesn't see funding for this program in the budget, it should be an increasing amount every year or the program can be lost; very important to keep these programs going to further development. Also noted that enrichment transportation not shown in budget. Joyce Hakey replied that she finds outside matching funds for the program to continue running every year; if funding runs out then we will deal with that then; recently the FNWSU received a transportation 5 year grant for afterschool programs, FCS will not have to pay any transportation for the after school program this year.

Vote taken, all in favor of accepting reports as written, motion passed.

#### **FNWSU Treasurer, Agency Funds & Combined balance sheet and Franklin's Treasurer's report and roof renovation project pages 71, 72, 73**

Gilbert Dewing/Jean Richard made motion to accept reports as written as well as reports on pages 68, 69, 70.

Kim Gates-Maynard pg. 68-70 noted that certain items get moved to FNWSU budget but then the local towns don't get any say on that budget. Robert Berger replied that the special education budget was a state mandated transfer from local school to supervisory.

Vote taken, all in favor of accepting reports as written on pages 71, 72, 73, 68, 69, 70, motion passed

### **3. Will the voters of the Franklin Town School District appropriate \$1,716,922 necessary for the support of the Franklin Elementary School for the school year beginning July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016?**

Kyle Lothian/Jean Richard made motion to approve the appropriation of \$1,716,922 necessary for the support of the Franklin Elementary School for the school year beginning July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

Marilyn Hackett questioned that the extracurricular transportation line item in the budget has no funding amount; do the children not take field trips? Joyce Hakey stated that students do take fields trips and the PTO fundraises the money for field trip transportation.

Vote taken, all in favor the appropriation of \$1,716,922 necessary for the support of the Franklin Elementary School for the school year beginning July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, motion passed.

### **4. Will the voters of the Franklin Town School District authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow a sum, not to exceed \$20,000.00, to be repaid over a term of three (3) years, for the purchase of mowing equipment to be shared by the town and school district?**

Peter Magnant/Pierrette Bouchard made motion to authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow a sum, not to exceed \$20,000.00, to be repaid over a term of three (3) years, for the purchase of mowing equipment to be shared by the town and school district.

Sue Clark questioned if the Town was contributing any money towards this new purchase. Robert Berger stated not towards the new mowing equipment, currently sharing tractor for mowing & snow blowing between school & town. School will take on mowing equipment expense then when needed, the Town will take on snow removal equipment expense.

Vote taken, majority in favor of authorizing the Board of School Directors to borrow a sum, not to exceed \$20,000.00, to be repaid over a term of three (3) years, for the

purchase of mowing equipment to be shared by the town and school district, motion passed.

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

Jay Hartman nominated Thomas Thompson, no other nominations. Jay Denault cast one ballot. Vote taken, all in favor, Thomas Thompson elected as Franklin School Director for a three year term.

**6. To transact any other business legally authorized to be transacted; considered appropriate and necessary when met.**

Tim Magnant thanked David Rood for all his years of service and commitment on the School board.

Motion made by Jean Richard/Gilbert Dewing to close school district meeting; vote taken, all in favor; School District meeting closed at 10:53 a.m.

**CLOSE TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING AND ENTER REGULAR TOWN MEETING**

**7. To elect a moderator for the ensuing year.**

Gilbert Dewing/Clark Hubbard nominated Tim Magnant for moderator. Jean Richard cast one ballot. Vote taken, all in favor; Tim Magnant elected moderator.

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

**Auditor's page13**

Motion made by Gilbert Dewing/Richard Mercy made the motion to accept reports as written. Kim Gates-Maynard-difficult year with transition to fiscal year; would like to see July-Dec actuals and January-June anticipated in the report next year  
Vote taken, all in favor, report accepted as written.

**Selectboard, Road Commissioner, paving progress & road maintenance reports pages 14, 15, 16, 17**

Jean Richard/Gilbert Dewing made motion to accept reports as written.

Kim Gates-Maynard inquired on the ditching plans, culvert clean outs, and paving Morses Line. She also noted that 2014 road maintenance report is very helpful. Andy stated that 2014 ditching was done on Gallup Road, Webster Road & Hanna Road (Better Back Roads Grant) intersection 2014; if the paving grant is not received the Town will still complete the planned paving of Morses Line Road, the board is hopeful to receive the paving grant this year.

Kyle Lothian questioned why in the spring of 2014 two passes of road side mowing was not done when it had previously been voted on by the board. Andy stated two passes were done to his knowledge. Howard Vansette-Road Foreman, agreed and noted that only one pass was done on Middle Road due to the mower breaking and tractor needing to be at the lake for the weed harvester.

Vote taken, all in favor, reports accepted as written.

**Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Adjustment and Zoning Administrator pages 18 & 19**

Jean Richard/Gilbert Dewing made motion to accept reports as written.

Marilyn Hackett questioned alternative energy sources for the Town as written in the Planning Commission's report. Clark explained that the Planning Commission had an informational meeting recently as they had been approached by a solar company; they are still exploring all options and more information to come as available.

Vote taken, all in favor, reports accepted as written.

**Health Officer, Cemetery Commissioner's, Enhanced 911, Emergency Management Coordinator pages 20 & 21**

Gilbert Dewing/Jean Richard made motion to accept reports as written.

Marilyn Hackett noted that in the health officer report, she talks about milfoil and algae blooms in Lake Carmi, is this the first time that we have had this bloom in the lake? What is being done? Polly Gadbois stated that the algae blooms were first confirmed at the State Park then in various spots around the lake, the lake has had them in previous years but not as bad; many groups/people are working on improving water quality.

Wayne Laroche noted that milfoil is not a human health issue, it's just a nuisance, blue green algae blooms however are a huge health issue and people should not be in the water when they see the blooms.

Kim Gates-Maynard noted that in the emergency management coordinator report a new system of notification is mentioned, she recommends that the board speak to Joyce Hakey at the school about their phone system. Peter Magnant stated that no system has been identified yet, they are still working on it; the selectboard is meeting March 4, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. with Mark Toof and Northwest Regional Planning to discuss a plan of action.

Vote taken, all in favor, reports accepted as written.

**Franklin Homestead, Vermont Community Development Block grant, Franklin Historical Society pages 22 & 23**

Gilbert Dewing/George Godin made the motion to accept the reports as written.

Kim Gates-Maynard question the Vermont Community Development Block Grant, no money was received so no payments due? Jean Richard stated that currently no funds needed to be paid to the town, the auditors are still researching for down the road; if money would ever be due to be repaid, it would be paid to the Town.

Vote taken, all in favor, reports accepted as written.

**Water Commission and Lake Carmi Campers pages 24, 25, 26, 27**

Jean Richard/Gilbert Dewing made the motion to accept the reports as written.

Vote taken, all in favor, reports accepted as written.

**Franklin Watershed Committee and financial report pages 28 & 29**

Gilbert Dewing/Jean Richard made the motion to accept the reports as written.

Vote taken, all in favor, reports accepted as written.

**Haston Library trustees report, Haston Library & Eben Racine Memorial funds and window refurbishment report and the Haston Library budget, pages 30, 31, 32**

Jean Richard/Gilbert Dewing made the motion to accept the reports as written.

Vote taken, all in favor, reports accepted as written.

**Comparative Balance Sheet and Treasurer's report pages 33 & 38**

Sue Clark/Linda Hartman made the motion to accept the reports as written.

Sue Clark asked what the surcharge restoration and computerization funds are and are there any plans for that money. Lisa stated that those fees come from recording fees; microfilming of land record books will be done this year and comes from the restoration line, also looking into getting a new copier and computerizing land records that will come from the computerization line.

Kim Gates-Maynard questioned on page 33 the borrowed funds of \$45,000. Lisa replied that was from the equipment fund to general fund, then repaid when taxes are collected.

Vote taken, all in favor, reports accepted as written.

11:30 a.m. Representatives invited to speak, Chuck Pearce and Steve Beyor.

Pearce-general fund deficit-fund gap with: LYE Heat cuts, Close some state libraries, cut VT interact technology, reduce working lands program, cut back on State employees labor cost, consolidated state dispatch centers, etc. Painful cuts and new taxes, resists taxes

Pearce-school consolidation bill-replace 277 districts with fewer and larger units, small school grants continue until 2020

Beyor-working on H35 water quality bill, now in Ag committee, good in the bill out ways the bad, he voted for the bill, costly, who will pay; phosphorous load needs to decrease;

Tim thanked the reps and they exited the meeting.

Town meeting recessed for lunch at 12:02.

Town meeting reconvened from lunch at 12:55 p.m.

### **Delinquent tax collectors report page 36**

Jean Richard/Gilbert Dewing made the motion to accept the report as written.

Vote taken, all in favor, report accepted as written.

### **Equipment fund, Recreation Dept and dog licenses page 37**

Gilbert Dewing/Jean Richard made the motion to accept the reports as written.

George Godin discussed the equipment fund, is the select board planning on buying/replacing equipment in the near future? Grader? Peter Magnant stated that the grader was deemed adequate for Franklin roads, nothing anticipated to be immediately replaced.

Vote taken, all in favor, reports accepted as written.

### **Selectboard general orders pages 44-47**

Jean Richard/Gilbert Dewing made the motion to accept the reports as written.

Johanna Crane-Godin questioned if the fuel goes out to bid every year. Yvon- no, he monitors price and the Town has been dealing with HG Berger for the past few years. Town is paying less than the average consumer; past years were on budget plans with locked in price but not with Berger's; Town is saving on taxes, no fed or state.

Kim Gates-Maynard would like more detail on the FIA card services, more information on where purchases were made in the future.

Vote taken, all in favor, reports accepted as written.

### **Selectboard highway orders and weed harvester orders pages 48-51**

Jean Richard/Gilbert Dewing made the motion to accept the reports as written.

Kim Gates-Maynard wanted to know the total cost on Dewing Road Bridge project. Lisa stated about \$227,000 less the grant received for \$175,000.

Kim questioned the expenses on page 49 repairs that were paid to Dana Stetson, Miltoncat, and Harvest Equipment; she would like noted in the future which pieces of equipment are costing the Town the most money. Andy replied that the grader and loader were repaired by Dana Stetson, the loader injector pump was purchased from Harvest Equipment and the grader parts were purchased at Miltoncat.

Vote taken, all in favor, reports accepted as written.

### **Franklin Fire Dept report and treasurer's report, Franklin Rescue report and treasurer's report pages 52-55**

Michelle Guilmette/Justin Rainville made the motion to accept the reports as written.

Kim Gates-Maynard questioned the grants that the Fire Department had applied for and if they required matching funds or were 100% funded by the grant.

Justin replied that the Fire Department would have to contribute approximately \$8000 if they received the full \$280,000 grant that they applied for, they have not heard back on that application yet.

Vote taken, all in favor, reports accepted as written.

## **9. Will the voters of the Town of Franklin appropriate a sum of \$5,000 for the Franklin Watershed Committee?**

Michelle Guilmette/Wayne Fiske made the motion to appropriate a sum of \$5,000 for the Franklin Watershed Committee.

Kim –what would the money be spent on?

Alisha Sawyer, FWC Coordinator-money spent as directed by board of directors, improve water quality in lake & surrounding areas, plan.

Judith McLaughlin-if the municipality gives funds to a non-profit they would need to be more transparent. Judith McLaughlin/Robert Cormier would like to amend motion to read "The Town of Franklin will donate \$5,000 to the Franklin Watershed Committee upon contingency of their non-profit being more transparent according to non-profit standards." example website be more updated then once a year. Hugh Gates referenced page 29, FWC Inc. financial statement and lack of detail in \$55,416.45 expensed.

Tim asks for a vote on the amended article for FWC to be more transparent according to nonprofit standards, all in favor, motion on amendment passed.

Michelle Guilmette why \$5000 instead of normal \$1000? Alisha-Federal grant applied for but not received, Town money doesn't have grant stipulations.

Susan Clark commented on detail on reports, can be given but condensed for Town report

Wayne-no set task/project or plans for money? Alisha states this is correct, will be at the discretion of the board.

Peter Magnant-selectboard working closely with FWC to better Lake Carmi quality, they know the best avenue to address water issues, selectboard happy to endorse grants involving water quality.

Robert Cormier- motion to table article until next year when we can have more detail on how money will be spent.

1:37 p.m. Recess meeting to contact Secretary of State on tabling of motion on the floor.

1:39 p.m. meeting reconvened, Tim read from moderator workshop in regards to tabling a motion, cannot table a motion unless emergency arises, such as a fire. Motion will continue.

Marilyn Hackett money used to help farmers with phosphorous issues?

Tim-ready to vote on the amended motion "shall the Town of Franklin donate \$5,000 to the Franklin Watershed Committee upon contingency of their non-profit being more transparent according to non-profit standards"?

Marilyn Hackett/Tim Magnant requested a division.

Vote taken, 55- yes, 9-no, motion passed.

**10. Will the voters of the Town of Franklin authorize the Select board to borrow a sum, not to exceed \$209,000 including interest, less any applicable grants, to be repaid over a term of not more than five years, for the purpose of purchasing a new fire truck?**

Justin Rainville/Clark Hubbard made the motion to authorize the Select board to borrow a sum, not to exceed \$209,000 including interest, less any applicable grants, to be repaid over a term of not more than five years, for the purpose of purchasing a new fire truck.

Justin Rainville, fire chief, spoke on the need for a new truck; the Fire Department is looking to replace their current 1993 tanker, it is becoming harder and harder to find parts to repair it and the tank on it has already been replaced twice; the department has spent 2 years working on truck specifications with numerous vendors and they have also viewed several trucks; the anticipated truck is priced at \$226,000, the fire department is contributing the difference and only asking the town for \$200,000 with \$9000 interest. Justin noted that this was the third time the Fire Department had applied for a truck replacement grant. The trade in value would be approximately \$5000 with any of the vendors that the department has been working with, he also noted that one of the conditions of the grant is that the truck cannot be sold and used as a fire truck, could be used for personal use such as ag.

Kim Gates-Maynard noted that the article was asking for interest. Justin said that was done at Selectboard's request.

Johanna Crane-Godin commented on the loan term of only 5 years, can it be spread out longer? Justin said that Lisa had done the leg work on a loan vs bond; less than 2% interest on the proposed loan, it was the best rate for time frame opposed to bond.

Yvon Dandurand questioned if the current tanker truck meets state safety/specs. Justin stated that the 1993 truck doesn't meet many of the current regulations, but the truck is grandfathered, however the State encourages improvements.

Robert Cormier can't buy used fire trucks, have to be custom built-have to move forward with growth; tax rate for 5 years vs 10 years? Lisa stated that the longer the loan terms, the higher the interest rate, 5yr term at 1.45%, that would be this year \$.027 on the tax rate. Polly Gadbois \$27 per \$100,000 home assessment, Lisa stated yes, that is correct.

Vote taken, all in favor, motion passed for Selectboard to borrow a sum, not to exceed \$209,000 including interest, less any applicable grants, to be repaid over a term of not more than five years, for the purpose of purchasing a new fire truck.

11. **Will the voters of the Town of Franklin appropriate a sum of \$4,000 to help support the Highgate Arena Renovation Project?**  
Michelle Guilmette/Hugh Gates made the motion to appropriate a sum of \$4,000 to help support the Highgate Arena Renovation Project.  
Kim Gates-Maynard noted that the Town of Highgate voters approved \$990,000 bond in the summer 2014 to replace the ice system; she encourages everyone to support this contribution.  
Darlene Cooper requested paper ballot and 6 others agreed.  
Vote taken: 59 yes, 29 no, motion passed to appropriate a sum of \$4,000 to help support the Highgate Arena Renovation Project.
12. **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? \$719,527**  
Clark Hubbard/George Godin made the motion to approve \$719,527 sum of money to meet current expenses, deficit, and debt payment of the town as indicated in the proposed municipal budget.  
  
Kim Gates-Maynard has issues with budget report set up-would like to see actuals for the July-Dec period with anticipated figures for current 6 month period for next year. Cecil King asks why raising \$375,188 from taxes? Lisa states the proposed budget expenses are off-set by anticipated revenues.  
  
Vote taken, majority in favor, motion passed to approve \$719,527 sum of money to meet current expenses, deficit, and debt payment of the town as indicated in the proposed municipal budget.
13. **To elect the following town officers:**
- A. **One select board member for a term of three years. (by ballot)**  
Kyle Lothian nominated Yvon Dandurand. Gilbert Dewing cease nominations, clerk cast one ballot, all in favor. Yvon Dandurand elected to the selectboard for a three year term.
  - B. **One select board member for a term of two years. (by ballot)**  
Clark Hubbard nominated Andrew Godin. Jean Richard cease nominations, clerk cast one ballot, all in favor. Andrew Godin elected to the selectboard for a two year term.
  - C. **One lister for a term of three years. (by ballot)**  
Gilbert Dewing nominated Robert Irish. Jean Richard cease nominations, clerk cast one ballot, all in favor. Robert Irish elected lister for a three year term.
  - D. **One auditor for a term of three years. (by ballot)**  
Polly Gadbois nominated Jean Richard. Gilbert Dewing cease nominations, clerk cast one ballot, all in favor. Jean Gilbert elected auditor for a three year term.
  - E. **A trustee of public money for a term of one year.**  
George Godin nominated Susan Clark. Gilbert Dewing cease nominations. All in favor. Susan Clark elected trustee of public money for a one year term.
  - F. **A trustee of the Haston Library Fund for a term of one year.**  
Linda Hartman nominated Kim Gates-Maynard. All in favor, Kim Gates-Maynard elected trustee of the Haston Library Fund for a one year term.
  - G. **Three Haston Library trustees for three year terms.**  
Susan Clark nominated Nancy Magnant, Nancy Jewett and Deborah Grennon. All in favor, Nancy Magnant, Nancy Jewett and Deborah Grennon elected library trustees, each for a three year term.
  - H. **A collector of delinquent taxes for a term of one year.**  
Michelle Guilmette nominated Johanna Crane-Godin. All in favor, Johanna Crane-Godin elected collector of delinquent taxes for a one year term.
  - I. **A constable for a term of one year.**  
George Godin nominated Burt Maynard. All in favor, Burt Maynard elected constable for a one year term.

J. **A town agent to prosecute and defend suits in which the town is interested.**

Peter Magnant nominated George Godin. All in favor, George Godin elected town agent.

K. **One or more grand jurors.**

George Godin nominated Doug Clark. Andrew Godin nominated Eric Gerrard. All in favor, Doug Clark & Eric Gerrard elected grand jurors.

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

Gilbert Dewing nominated Jean Richard. All in favor, Jean Richard elected to serve on the Franklin Homestead Inc. Board of directors for a three year term.

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.**

George Godin nominated Nancy Wilson, Jennifer Dewing and Howard Vansette.

Vote taken, all in favor, Nancy Wilson, Jennifer Dewing and Howard Vansette elected cemetery commissioners.

15. **To see if the voters will set the date of payment of property taxes paid to the treasurer to be October 15, 2015 before 6:00 p.m.**

Jean Richard/Gilbert Dewing made the motion to set the date of payment of property taxes paid to the treasurer to be October 15, 2015 before 6:00 p.m.

Vote taken, all in favor, motion passed to set the date of payment of property taxes paid to the treasurer to be October 15, 2015 before 6:00 p.m.

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, 2015.**

Gilbert Dewing/Jean Richard made the motion to publish the names of all delinquent property taxpayers and amounts due and owed to the town as of December 31, 2015.

Marilyn Hackett spoke against this practice of shaming people in the Town report.

Vote taken, majority in favor, motion passed to publish the names of all delinquent property taxpayers and amounts due and owed to the town as of December 31, 2015.

17. **To elect any town officers to fill any town office that may be vacant at this time.**

Peter Magnant/George Godin nominated the Treasurer to be the current tax collector. Vote taken, all in favor, Treasurer to be the current tax collector.

Linda Hartman nominated Susan Clark to fill an unexpired library trustee term, remaining 2 years. Vote taken, all in favor, Susan Clark elected as library trustee to fill an unexpired term, her term will expire in two years.

18. **To transact any other non-binding business thought proper when met.**

Linda Hartman informed the group that the Haston Library is working on creating a cook book to publish; they are collecting recipes and ad sponsors. Contact the library if interested.

Kyle Lothian questioned why the north end docks were in the lake so late last fall, and who took them out. He also noted that there were not as many as the State has agreed to, to him this sounds like a breach of contract that was made between the State and the Town, that would make it void. Andrew Godin commented that the State took them out late November, early December. Peter Magnant stated that the docks being put in had been delayed 2 years, and that what was in the water last year is all that are going to get put in; the State also told the Town that they do not usually take out docks until after Thanksgiving or they have even been leaving them in all year. Burt Maynard feels like it would be a liability to leave in; Peter replied that they are the State of Vermont's docks, not the Town's.

Marilyn Hackett inquired on the recreation committee status; also will there be a Town rabies clinic this year? Sara Rainville stated that the Town is planning on hosting a rabies clinic every other year as there is not a great need every year and that many surrounding towns host one every year, none planned for 2015.

Susan Clark thanked Karen Gates, Art Leduc and Linda Hartman for their service to the library; she also wondered that with fiscal year switch, can Town Meeting be moved to May.

Franklin Fire Department Pancake Breakfast Sunday March 8, 6:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Polly Gadbois talked about existing 30 year old weed harvester; grant applied for & funding options for a new harvester. She is hopeful that Franklin will be awarded an aquatic nuisance grant.

Kathryn Gates noted the vacant NWSWD board member seat from Franklin and Enosburg; Peter Magnant stated that the selectboard will be appointing those positions March 4, 2015 7:00 p.m. at the Selectboard's reorganizational meeting.

Cecil questioned the harvester spreading milfoil and it doing more harm than good. Kyle Lothian stated harvesting keeps milfoil down so people can use the lake. New harvester has a different way to collect cut weeds, will be better than current machine.

Yvon Dandurand stated he has been pushing for better cell phone coverage for Franklin since he joined the selectboard. VTel will be attending the selectboard meeting March 4, 2015 to provide more information to the board & public about installing a tower in town.

Gilbert Dewing/Jean Richard made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Vote taken, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

**Franklin Selectboard**

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*Peter Magnant*

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*Yvon Dandurand*

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*Andrew Godin*

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*Edmund Rainville*

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*Brooks Sturtevant*

**Franklin School Directors**

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*Timothy Magnant*

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*Robert Berger*

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*Thomas Thompson*

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk