

Town of Franklin/School District
Town Meeting
Franklin Elementary School
March 1, 2016

Moderator Timothy Magnant called the Franklin School District & Town Meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Eric Bushey.

RULES- All questions, comments, etc are to be directed to the moderator; stick to the subject, no personal attacks, let's remain civil and united with one another; unregistered voters were reminded that they may talk with the moderator and group's permission; Meeting follows Roberts Rules unless otherwise stated.

Franklin School District meeting started.

1. To elect a moderator for the ensuing year.

Jean Richard nominates Tim Magnant, Gilbert close nominates, all in favor, Tim Magnant elected school moderator.

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

- **Superintendent, Principal, School Director pages 59-63, 64, 65.**

Peter Magnant/Jean Richard made the motion to approve reports as written.

Marilyn Hackett page 61 Superintendents Report re: early education expanded hours & funding-why only Swanton & Highgate? Franklin doesn't need it or quality? Winton Goodrich, Superintendent of FNWSU-strict eligibility requirements on poverty levels/income, not every school in the State receives this funding for expanding early education hours. Joyce noted that does not go through Franklin Central, all through FNWSU Early Ed.

Jay Denault page 59-62 Superintendents Report-talked of low student test scores in the district, SBAC testing assessment reliability; would like to discuss Act 46 further. Tim would like Act 46 will be discussed further in Article 6 Transact Other business, Jay was in agreement.

Hugh Gates page 60 Superintendents Report-SBAC acronym is Smart Balanced Assessment Consortium. Hugh would like enrollment numbers for each grade included in future Town Reports.

Kim Gates-Maynard page 60 Superintendents Report: Curriculum-statement "MVU is leading the way", what does that mean? Winton Goodrich explained the education quality standards that all schools are required to adhere to; visits are done to see how each school is complying with those standards and their components. The change that is happening in schools across the country is being based more in proficiency then seat time. MVU may not be leading the pack in all areas but is taking the lead in some.

Jay Denault-should be implementing 85% of common core, how do you fit new standards programs in with deficient curriculum that is not common core? Winton stated that standards are assessed differently in different states; the district is working on achieving those standards. Working on how to implement "every student succeeds act".

Peter Magnant page 60 Superintendents Report, second sentence on top of the page. Peter attended Act 46 meeting that was held at the Franklin School, study only created more questions, no real answers. Tim stated that Robert Berger is going to be the Act 46 spokesperson for the school board. Robert stated that school board was just as surprised at the informational meeting with lack of answers from the study and more questions being created. Next study would be joint study with all schools. Robert has not seen overwhelming support for school mergers at any of the public meetings that he has attended locally.

Jay Denault discussed next study/stage that a plan will then have to be submitted and put before the voters. Robert replied that the board has not committed to any path and they are still in the discussion stages.

Michelle Guilmette/Jean Richard made the motion to move the discussion; vote taken, majority in favor of ending discussion.

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

- **Cross Roads After School Program pages 66, 67**
Jean Richard/Gilbert Dewing made the motion to approve the reports as written.

Hugh Gates discrepancies on pages regarding attendance at after school programs, would appreciate more accurate numbers in the future.

Marilyn Hackett talked positively about the afterschool program's participation rate.

Vote taken, all in favor, motion passed.

- **FNWSU Treasurer, Agency Funds & Combined balance sheet and Franklin's Treasurer's report pages 71, 72, 73**
Jean Richard/Gilbert Dewing made the motion to approve reports as written.

Kim Gates-Maynard/Jean Richard made motion to amend first motion to include reports on page 68 -69, vote taken, all in favor.

Kim Gates-Maynard page 69: How is Franklin's share of FNWSU Special education budget determined? Becky Hart stated they are based on enrollment as well as students receiving special services in school. Special ed costs have shifted from local school to FNWSU budget. Kim questioned the savings? Becky stated this is the first year and there was no savings yet, hoping in time to see savings.

Jay Denault pages 68-69: Franklin's share to Central office over \$200,000 sent to FNWSU from Franklin? Becky confirmed that statement was true.

Michelle Guilmette agency funds page 72 children's fund: this fund has steadily grown over the years, how will this funding be utilized? Joyce Haakey responded that it contains the 6th grade fund, music fund, drama fund & ski club; all fundraising goes to this fund, no tax money goes into this fund. Purchases are made from this fund for recess equipment, sports and uniforms. Joyce noted they hate to spend too much from it, helps to keep budget down; hold for emergency use.

Kim Gates-Maynard page 70 Early Childhood: student tuition & transportation, why such increase in cost? Joyce stated it is for new legislation requiring 3 year olds having school choice for early ed programs.

Matthew Rainville tuition limit on how far children can travel and how much money can be spent? Becky stated the limit is \$3,092 per child with no transportation provided; they can attend any place within the state.

Vote taken, all in favor, motion passed.

3. **Shall the voters of the Franklin Town School District approve the school board to expend \$1,782,001.00, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in Education Spending of \$11,683.80 per Equalized Pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 3.74% higher than spending for the current year.**

Tom Gates/Jean Richard made the motion to approve the school board to expend \$1,782,001.00, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year.

Tom Gates thanked Joyce Hakey & Becky Hart for the work on putting this year's budget together. Franklin's per pupil is \$11,683.80; the per pupil county average \$13,118, state average per pupil is \$14,000. Franklin Elementary is one of 103 schools to have a designated high school; Franklin has lowest per pupil in the state. New mower was purchased last year for only \$9,000 from the approved article of \$20,000, and was paid in full from last year's budget; no special articles this year.

Richard Mercy stated these kids have to be educated, someone paid for ours now it's our turn to pay for someone else's.

Susan Clark-town report from 10 years ago shows that the school library budget for books was \$1800, now only \$1900, how does she get by? Joyce responded Nancy makes it work; she gets what she needs for lowest cost.

Vote taken, all in favor, motion passed.

4. To elect one Franklin School Director for an unexpired term of two (2) years.

Pierrette Bouchard/Jay Denault nominated Tom Gates to serve as a Franklin School Director for an unexpired term of two (2) years. Gilbert Dewing moved the question. Marilyn Hackett would like to hear about the background of each candidate nominated. Tom Gates gave his background; has a child in early education program and one in second grade; attended this school as a child and this school is very important to him.

Vote taken, all in favor, Tom Gates elected school director for two years.

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

Peter Magnant/Jay Denault nominated Bob Berger to serve as a Franklin School Director for a term of three (3) years. Peter spoke about Bob's qualifications to serve the school. Jean Richard moved the nominations.

Vote taken, all in favor, Bob Berger elected school director for three years.

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

Jay Denault read a statement he prepared regarding Act 46. Jay was thanked for his comments.

Yvon Dandurand-what would be the next step in regards to Act 46 for Town Meeting 2017. Bob stated that the preliminary study has been done and identified possible benefits & costs that could be seen by merged schools; more questions than answers. Bob talked on some possible options. Next step is to decide whether to participate in the 706 study, Franklin board has to decide as to what capacity Franklin would be involved and what other schools would be included, Swanton School has shown interest in joint study but he has not heard on Highgate Schools intentions. Unified district options were discussed. If Franklin was to participate as an advisable member rather than a necessary member, we would have more say. A plan would need to go before the Board of Education then to Franklin voters. More public forums with tax payers will be had as more information is gathered.

Colette Ploof thanked Bob for speaking, would like everyone that speaks to stand up.

Jay Denault-Franklin as an advisable member, do we get to keep school board and budget locally? Bob stated that an advisable member only relates to the study, only defines your roll in the study, you can vote; advisory member you can still participate, but not vote. Franklin is top elementary school in the State and lowest spending statewide as well, already meeting goals that have been set, always room for improvement.

Harrison Gates question whether Franklin can sit as an advisory member on more than one district? Bob responded that section 706 doesn't appear to prevent it.

Marilyn Hackett would like the school board to consider doing a straw poll at Town Meeting to act on Act 46 for the State. Should a formal vote be done? Special Ed management and transportation requirements. Bob stated that requirement has already been met by moving

it from local budget to FNWSU. Final decision sits with Department of Education. Survey available online regarding Act 46.

Jean Richard/Gilbert Dewing made the motion to adjourn the school meeting; all in favor, meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

CLOSE TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING AND ENTER REGULAR TOWN MEETING

7. To elect a moderator for the ensuing year.

Gilbert Dewing/Jean Richard nominated Tim Magnant. Jean moved nominations. Vote taken, all in favor, Tim Magnant elected moderator.

8. To elect a Town Clerk for a term of three-years.

Jean Richard/Bryant Reynolds nominated Lisa Larivee. Gilbert moved nominations. Vote taken, all in favor, Lisa Larivee elected as Town Clerk for term of three years.

9. To receive and discuss the reports of the several town officers.

- **Auditors page11**
No discussion had.
- **Selectboard, Road Commissioner, paving progress & road maintenance reports pages 12, 13, 14, 15**
Kim Gates-Maynard 14-15 appreciates paving report, would like to also see loads of sand used each year too. Concerned with 3 references to ditching for 2015, are we not doing adequate ditching. Andy stated maintaining current ditching as needed unless issues arise.

Corrina Stanley page 15 paving plan for 2016, does that included corner above her house? Appreciates boards help with traffic issues on Dewing Road by her house. Andy stated paving from State Park Road to Berkshire Town Line, no plans to redo intersection. VTrans has been asked for input and about reworking a practical design of that intersection, board will review further.

Marilyn Hackett page 12 Park and Ride, court order that closed it; order from State to open or pay back grant funds, what is happening with it? Where is parking located? What happened to close it? Peter Magnant replied that a survey was done by the State on park and rides and Franklin's was noted to be closed. State has been updated on park and rides status, being used as a municipal parking lot. Yvon and Peter meet with officials in Montpelier last week, they are sympathetic to Franklin's unique situation; the State would like to see resolution to have it reopened and not have Franklin pay back the funding. Dispute over right of way on Homestead Drive with Franklin Telephone Company, court ordered not able to use right of way for a public park and ride.

Bob questioned a resolution to intersection of Main Street, Middle Road, Lake Road and Moses Line Road traffic flow issue, still a lot of confusion by drivers. Peter stated the board has been working with the Transportation Advisory Committee (NRPC) and VTrans to update that intersection; takes several years to get funding in place.

Local representatives Steve Beyor and Chuck Pearce were invited to speak.

Chuck Pearce discussed the State budget, expansion of local provider tax, education Act 46, health care, marijuana bill.

Steve Beyor talked on his opposition to the marijuana bill; he is against Act 46, Fish & Wildlife (licenses will be increased by a \$1.00); water quality; animal cruelty bill doesn't do anything, already laws in place to address those issues; ivory bill doesn't have any effect on amount of animals killed either.

Yvon Dandurand questioned the status of the carbon tax? Chuck stated nothing will be done with it this year.

Adrian Rainville brought up water quality issues and the large sewer discharges into local waterways, he feels he is unfairly targeted as a farmer when towns are given permits to discharge.

Representatives were thanked and exited the meeting.

- **Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Adjustment and Zoning Administrator pages 16 & 17**
Kim Gates-Maynard page 17 zoning admin, building without a permit fee, what is current fee and what will it be changed to? Robert Irish-current fee for building without a permit is double: example \$45 fee to \$90 plus \$10 recording fee.

Judith McLaughlin questioned on building without a permit, why not violation fee? What is time frame for permits listed? Lisa stated calendar year. Bob responded that's how it's historically been done and that the fees are set by the Selectboard.

- **Health Officer, Cemetery Commissioner's, Enhanced 911, Emergency Management Coordinator pages 18 & 19**
No discussion had.
- **Franklin Homestead, Vermont Community Development Block grant, Franklin Historical Society pages 20 & 21**
Marilyn Hackett wanted an update on the purchase of a place at the north end of Lake Carmi by the Historical Society; Bryant responded that he is not aware of any such purchase.
- **Franklin Water District and financials pages 22 & 23**
No discussion had.
- **Franklin Watershed Committee and financial report pages 24 & 25**
Hugh Gates commented on the community's involvement in the water situation. Feels that the two brooks that enter the village and end as one brook should also be monitored and the impact they are having on water quality. Jess Draper, Franklin Watershed Coordinator, responded that it is possible to have that done with local funds.
- **Lake Carmi Campers Associate page 26**
No discussion had.
- **Haston Library trustees report, Haston Library & Eben Racine Memorial funds and window refurbishment report and the Haston Library budget, pages 27, 28, 29**
Kim Gates-Maynard page 29 capital expenses of \$2092, what are those? Kathleen Engstrom, librarian, answered new file cabinets, books cases and library book drop. Susan Clark noted that the book cases for the children's room were purchased from Eben Racine funds.
- **Comparative Balance Sheet and Treasurer's report pages 30 & 35**
Kim Gates-Maynard does the Town still owe money on the sand shed and fire truck, where are they shown, as not in liability lines? Lisa noted the sand shed balance is noted on page 30, the fire truck is not here yet so it has not yet been paid for.

- **Delinquent tax collectors report page 34**
No discussion had.
- **Equipment fund, Recreation Dept and dog licenses page 31**
Kim questioned borrowed funds page 31, inter-fund? Lisa replied that is internally borrowed and has been repaid.

Marilyn Hackett questioned the recreation fund. Lisa stated that money was from a grant received through the FNWSU and was turned over to the Town, no activity for several years, trying to coordinate with school to use the money. Pierrette Bouchard commented on the intent of that money, for afterschool or summer programs; the money was initially received as a grant and wanted to be sure that the money stayed in Franklin.

George Godin questioned how to go about using the funds for a program. Lisa stated if someone has ideas that they would like to coordinate for the kids it should be brought to the board and she would like Pierrette's guidance in the approval process.

Hugh Gates feels that the community needs to do more for its young people. Talked about the Towns purchase of land 10 or so years ago, has not been any progress is doing anything with the land in regard to recreational area.

Jes Alexant discussed his idea to start a cross country ski trail and group in town.

- **Selectboard general orders pages 41-46**
Kim Gates-Maynard page 43 miscellaneous expense, FFD insurance reimbursed or paid by Town. Lisa stated the fire dept reimburses the Town.

Kim Gates-Maynard Town Clock expenses. Lisa-clock donation money received and also budgeted to pay for some parts to be remade, fixed, etc. More work will be done in the spring to have it functioning properly again.

- **Selectboard highway orders and weed harvester orders pages 47-51**

Kim Gates-Maynard page 51 no training costs for highway department, is there any training to be done this year/budgeted? Andy talked about the training done in 2015 and upcoming training for 2016. Lisa noted that most of the training is done for free through the Vermont Local Road program with VTTrans.

Michelle Guilmette questioned if it was budgeted. Lisa stated all free workshops.

- **Franklin Fire Dept report and treasurer's report pages 52-54**
No discussion had.

10. **Will the voters of the Town of Franklin authorize the Selectboard to borrow a sum; not to exceed \$89,600 including interest, to be repaid over a term of not more than twenty (20) years, for the purpose of State mandated upgrades to the village water system; to be repaid by the Village water system users?**

This article cannot be acted upon at Town meeting. Item has to be voted on by Australian ballot at a later date. Peter would like to take the time to discuss and answer questions that people may have.

Nancy Fiske questioned the interest rate and the total amount to be paid back. Peter stated that no final rate has been received yet.

Jes Alexant spoke about town water system and deficiencies that the State wants fixed. Jes reviewed the study that was done and its findings that were reported to the State as well as a timeline for the completion of the work. Jes noted that there will be an informational meeting and vote in August, then the water district will solicit bids for the project and continue with funding documentation. Town borrows the money and water district pays the loan.

Judith McLaughlin questioned how the users would default? Jes replied there would be several steps that would occur before that would happen.

Pierrette Bouchard/Gilbert Dewing made the motion to pass over the article; vote taken, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 11:55 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

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

Jean Richard/Gilbert Dewing made the motion to appropriate a sum of \$5,000 for the Franklin Watershed Committee. Johanna Crane-Godin questioned what the money would be spent on. Jess Draper-the 2016 money would be spent on projects for all of Franklin's watershed not just Lake Carmi area as in the past.

Vote taken, all in favor.

12. **Will the voters of the Town of Franklin appropriate a sum of \$14,715 for the purchase and installation of ends for the sand shed?**

Jean Richard/Gilbert Dewing made the motion to appropriate a sum of \$14,715 for the purchase and installation of ends for the sand shed. Johanna Crane-Godin questioned if

this went out to bid. Andrew Godin responded it's a quote from the person that built the Town's sand shed, it's a specialty product.

Judith McLaughlin wanted a history on when it was built, how much it cost and why ends were not done then. Andrew stated it was built 2 years ago for \$110,000, they wanted to save by not doing the ends. Since then it has been discovered that the direction of the building is causing rain/snow to blow in and freezing the sand.

Kim Gates-Maynard requested a paper ballot, 7 others agreed, vote to be taken by paper ballot.

Yvon stated that most people start without the ends, it was important to try without them first.

Harrison Gates asked if a tarp could be used instead of this special product. Andrew noted the tarp would not be strong enough to hold up to the winds.

Polly Gadbois questioned what \$14,715 is? Yvon stated freight, material and installation.

Matthew Rainville both ends or just one? Andrew stated both.

Kim Gates-Maynard questioned if the grizzly would be eliminated. Andrew said by installing the ends it should reduce need for using it but he can't say they won't need it at all.

Vote taken; 76 ballots cast- 56 in favor, 20 opposed, motion passed.

13. **Will the voters of the Town of Franklin authorize the Selectboard to borrow a sum, not to exceed \$67,150 to be repaid over a term of not more than five (5) years, for the purpose of purchasing a new highway truck with plow?**

Gilbert Dewing/Bryant Reynolds made the motion to authorize the Selectboard to borrow a sum, not to exceed \$67,150 to be repaid over a term of not more than five (5) years, for the purpose of purchasing a new highway truck with plow.

Johanna Crane-Godin questioned if the old truck would be used to offset the new truck price. Andrew stated yes, the Town is getting \$55,000 trade-in value. There is also money from the equipment fund that is being used.

Michelle Guilmette-new truck cost, trade value, and bottom line for how many years. How much in equipment fund money is being used. Yvon Dandurand answered: new international truck \$183,888, trade old truck with plow & wing for \$55,000, using \$60,000 from equipment fund, asking for \$67,150 to purchase truck.

Bryant Reynolds questioned condition of 2006 MAC truck looking to replace, why needs replacing. Boy Vansette, road foremen, 128,000 miles, blowing hydraulic hoses left and right, very expensive to replace or repair. Plow and wing is from three trucks ago, very wore out. Andrew Godin spoke of dump body rusting and causing dump to drop; continuous stream of little things going wrong and causing delay of road work.

Brian Barnum asked if a slide in sander has been looked into, would prevent some corrosion, and would also save on sand. Andrew responded that has not been looked into, priced out what has been used in the past. Brian would like it looked into, Andrew stated it can be researched.

Jes Alexant questioned what delivery turn around would be? Yvon stated the truck could be ready as soon as two months from now, can't get until July 1, 2016 because that's when this budget would become effective.

Justin Rainville does the truck cost of \$67,150 include interest? Lisa stated the interest rate would be 1.50% and we have a line item in the budget for interest.

Dennis Young questioned what that price includes? Selectboard said truck, dump, plow and wing is included in that price.

Johanna Crane-Godin moved the question.

Vote taken, all in favor, motion passed.

14. **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?** Johanna Crane-Godin/Gilbert Dewing motion to approve \$759,834 to meet current expenses, deficit, and debt payment of the town as indicated in the proposed municipal budget.

Johanna Crane-Godin would like the rescue service to go out to bid when current contract with Enosburgh Ambulance ends. Peter stated June 2017 is end of contract, the Selectboard will put it out to bid at that time.

Polly Gadbois suggestions for the auditors- year end dates, article items, interest line item? Lisa responded labeled as "borrowed funds expense".

Kim Gates-Maynard library budget decrease for FY17, why? Lisa stated that's the budget assessment that the library presented to the Town. Susan Clark also commented to the decrease due to excess funds at year end and wanted to give back to the community.

Michelle Guilmette asked for clarification on *Building Maintenance* expenses from last year and the next. Lisa talked about Town Hall work done and upcoming as well as brick work at the Town Office/Haston Library, listed in the budget narrative.

Matthew Rainville questioned insurance increase and decrease over the years. Lisa talked about workers compensation and highway salary, and regular increases to premiums.

Vote taken, all in favor, motion passed.

15. **Will the voters of the Town of Franklin vote to rescind the amendment to the Town Traffic Ordinance dated November 4, 2015: "Article 6: Speed Regulations following road added-TH#1 Moses Line Road 40 mph from west of Dandurand Rd for .9 miles", pursuant to a petition submitted in accordance with 24 V.S.A. 1973?**

George Godin/Judith McLaughlin made the motion to rescind the amendment to the Town Traffic Ordinance dated November 4, 2015: "Article 6: Speed Regulations following road added-TH#1 Moses Line Road 40 mph from west of Dandurand Rd for .9 miles", pursuant to a petition submitted in accordance with 24 V.S.A. 1973.

Judith McLaughlin asked for a history on this article. Peter explained the issue was brought to the Selectboard in June 2015 by concerned residents on Moses Line Road. Safety issue with pedestrian and vehicle traffic in regards to blind driveways and speed. Northwest Regional Planning did a traffic study and provided results to the Town. The Selectboard discussed the issue at numerous Selectboard meetings; the board sent letters to all residents in the changed area, and only two members from one household attended the meeting. Peter wished that people would have voiced their concerns about this issue when the board was discussing it for months.

Kim Gates-Maynard questioned what the Selectboard policy is on reducing speeds on roads. Peter stated he does not believe that there is a formal policy, generally they get assistance from Northwest Regional Planning. Kim is concerned about setting a precedent on speed limit change requests.

Betty Rainville suggested everyone read the traffic study that has been provided in the Town Report. Brian Sartwell is in agreement with Betty, study did not recommend the speed limit being lowered, has not been anymore increase in patrols.

Harrison Gates questioned if this would reduce traffic to the Moses Line Border Crossing. Peter stated he does not believe it will.

Pierrette Bouchard spoke about the result of the traffic study.

Michelle Guilmette questioned what the article vote outcome means. Tim stated a YES vote means it rescinds the change and the speed goes back to 50 mph, a NOT vote means it stays at 40 mph.

Kim Gates-Maynard moved the question and requested a paper ballot. 7 other people agree to a paper ballot. Vote taken, all in favor of moving the question.

Vote taken: 80 ballots cast, 1 spoiled, 51 in favor, 18 opposed. Speed limit will revert back to 50 mph.

16. **To elect the following town officers:**

- A. **One selectboard member for a term of three years. (Peter Magnant)(by ballot)**
Johanna Crane-Godin/Bob Berger nominated Peter Magnant. George Godin moved nominations. Jean Richard ordered clerk to cast one ballot. Vote taken, all in favor.
- B. **One selectboard member for a term of two years. (Ed Rainville)(by ballot)**
Johanna Crane-Godin/George Godin nominated Ed Rainville. Ed spoke about being on the Selectboard.
Darlene Cooper/Richard Cooper nominated Greg Machia. Darlene gave information on Greg.
Vote taken by paper ballot: Greg 13, Ed 68, Ed Rainville elected Selectboard member for two year term.
- C. **One lister for a term of three years. (by ballot)**
Jean Richard/Bob Berger nominated Stephanie Ho. Gilbert Dewing ordered clerk to cast one ballot. Vote taken, all in favor.
- D. **One auditor for a term of three years. (by ballot)**
Michelle Guilmette/Jean Richard nominated Carole Richard. George Godin ordered clerk to cast one ballot. Vote taken, all in favor.
- E. **A trustee of public money for a term of one year.**
Bryant Reynolds/Jean Richard nominated Susan Clark. Vote taken, all in favor.
- F. **A trustee of the Haston Library Fund for a term of one year.**
Bryant Reynolds/Jean Richard nominated Kim Gates-Maynard. Vote taken, all in favor.
- G. **Two Haston Library trustees for three year terms.**
Bryant Reynolds nominated Carole Richard and Jennifer Bright.
Polly Gadbois nominated Linda Hartman.
#1 Vote taken: 71 ballots cast; 38 votes from Linda Hartman; 9 for Jennifer Bright; 24 for Carole Richard. Linda Hartman elected with 50% or more of votes.
#2 Vote taken: 70 ballots cast, 1 spoiled: 48 Carole Richard and 21 Jennifer Bright, Carole Richard elected with 50% or more of votes.
- H. **A collector of delinquent taxes for a term of one year.**
John Giroux/Dan Favreau nominated Johanna Crane-Godin.
Vote taken, all in favor.
- I. **A constable for a term of one year.**
George Godin/Bryant Reynolds nominated Burt Maynard.
Vote taken, all in favor.
- J. **A town agent to prosecute and defend suits in which the town is interested.**
Johanna Crane-Godin/Bryant Reynolds nominated George Godin.
Vote taken, all in favor.
- K. **One or more grand jurors.**
Brooks Sturtevant/Ashley Bachelder nominated Eric Gerrard.

George Godin/Jean Richard nominated Doug Clark.
Vote taken, all in favor.

- L. **One representative to serve on the Franklin Homestead, Inc. Board of Directors for a term of three years.**
Jean Richard/Gilbert Dewing nominated Kay Papazoni.
Vote taken, all in favor.

17. **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, Boy Vansette and Ellen Magnat.
Vote taken, all in favor.

18. **To see if the voters will set the date of payment of property taxes paid to the treasurer to be October 17, 2016 before 3:30 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 17, 2016 before 3:30 p.m.
Vote taken, all in favor, motion passed.

19. **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, 2016.**

Jean Richard/Gilbert Dewing made the motion to publish the names of all delinquent property taxpayers and amounts due and owed to the town as of December 31, 2016.

Marilyn Hackett spoke about how this embarrasses people by publishing their names; this is public record that can be viewed at the Town Clerk's Office upon request.

Vote taken, majority in favor, motion passed.

20. **To elect any town officers to fill any town office that may be vacant at this time.**
No discussion.

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

Jean Richard thanked Gilbert Dewing for his many years of service as a lister in the Town of Franklin. Jean also thanked the Selectboard and School Directors for all their hard work and dedication to the Town.

Discussion was had about the start of Town Meeting. Peter gave a history on the change of Town Meeting from 10 a.m. to 9 a.m. as well as the changing of poll hours from 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. to 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Count taken and majority preferred town meeting to start at 9:00 am.

Maureen Sodaro thanked the Fire Department and rescue personnel for their work this winter; it's been a tough winter for emergency calls.

Polly Gadbois questioned the status of the park and ride issue. Peter stated that there has not been a deadline set to resolve the issue; money would have to be raised by taxes.

George Godin-when we pay the money back, do we have to tear up the pavement, take down the lights? Peter said no, State of Vermont wants their money back because it's not being used as a park and ride; nothing would change for the use of the parking area.

Polly Gadbois asked for an update on the expansion of the leash law around the lake. Peter stated the Selectboard is reviewing it still.

Marilyn Hackett thanked the Town for bringing back the rabies clinic this March.

Polly Gadbois spoke about driving east on Lake Road from Titmore Woods Road to east of the lake and all of the speed limit changes; dangerous area; she has requested another traffic study be done during summer months. She mentioned possibly a seasonal speed limit. Peter responded that the Selectboard had been in contact with VTTrans about that

area, VTans would not make the change. Polly has spoken to Mike Derby in the Enosburg VTans garage and he will help support the board in that change.

Gilbert Dewing/Boy Vanslette made the motion to adjourn the meeting; vote taken, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

Franklin Selectboard



Peter Magnant



Mon Dandurand

Andrew Godin



Edmund Rainville

Brooks Sturtevant


Franklin School Directors



Timothy Magnant



Robert Berger



Thomas Gates

Attest:



Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk