



Town of Franklin, VT E-Newsletter

April – June 2016 Issue

Welcome to the Town of Franklin's E-Newsletter!

In our efforts to go green, the Town of Franklin is trying to email more information to community members and reduce the amount of paper mailings we do. We will periodically send out meeting and legal notices. If you have something that you would like included in a newsletter, please send it to townoff@franklinvt.net for consideration. Please also visit the Town's website at franklinvermont.com.

April 2016 Events

April 1, 2016-
Dogs are due to be licensed with the Town.
See attached flyer for more information.

April 6, 2016
Select Board Meeting
Town Clerk's Office 7:00 p.m.

April 9, 2016
Haston Library Trustee Meeting
Haston Library 1:00 p.m.

April 11, 2016
Franklin Water District Meeting
Town Clerk's Office 6:00 p.m.

April 19, 2016
Select board Meeting
Town Clerk's Office 9:00 a.m.

April 19, 2016
Planning Commission Meeting
Franklin Homestead Dining Room 7:00 p.m.

April 21, 2016
Franklin Watershed Committee Meeting
Franklin Homestead FELCO Room 7:00 p.m.

May 2016 Events

May 4, 2016
Select board Meeting
Town Clerk's Office 7:00 p.m.

May 9, 2016
Franklin Water District Meeting
Town Clerk's Office 6:00 p.m.

May 17, 2016

Planning Commission Meeting
Franklin Homestead Dining Room 7:00 p.m.

May 18, 2016
Select board Meeting
Town Clerk's Office 7:00 p.m.

May 19, 2016
Franklin Watershed Committee Meeting
Franklin Homestead FELCO Room 7:00 p.m.

May 30, 2016
******Town Clerk's Office Closed******

June 2016 Events

June 1, 2016
Select board Meeting
Town Clerk's Office 7:00 p.m.

June 13, 2016
Franklin Water District Meeting
Town Clerk's Office 6:00 p.m.

June 15, 2016
Select board Meeting
Town Clerk's Office 7:00 p.m.

June 16, 2016
Franklin Watershed Committee Meeting
Franklin Homestead FELCO Room 7:00 p.m.

June 21, 2016
Planning Commission Meeting
Franklin Homestead Dining Room 7:00 p.m.

VACANCY'S

Vermont's UNCLAIMED \$\$\$\$

Please take the time to visit the Vermont State Treasurer's Website as there is thousands of dollars of unclaimed property listed that the State is holding on to. Your name or someone that you know could be on there. It only takes a minute to search and print out the claim form. Stop into the Town Clerk's Office if you need further assistance, we would be happy to help. The website is: [Unclaimed Property | Office of the State Treasurer](#)

Town Clerk's Office Hours:

Monday 8:30a.m.-3:30p.m.

Tuesday 8:30a.m.-3:30p.m.

Wednesday 8:30a.m.-12:00p.m.

Thursday 8:30a.m.-6:00p.m.

Friday 8:30a.m.-3:30p.m.

The Clerk's Office does NOT close for lunch; if you can't make it in during scheduled hours, please call to make other arrangements.

****NOTES OF INTEREST****

-Zumba at the Town Hall with Maureen Sodaro, contact her at 285-2219 for class dates, times & more information.

-The Haston Library has the following passes available for daily checkout:

Echo

Shelburne Museum

VT State Park & Historic Sites

If you are interested in any of the following positions that are vacant for appointment, contact the Town Clerk's Office for more information on the position and duties. **The number before the position represents the number of vacancies, not the years for the term.**

Appointed:

1-Planning Commission

2-Zoning Board of Adjustment

1-Energy Committee

Morses Line Border Crossing

As of mid-February, the Morses Line Road Canadian border crossing station into Quebec is now open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. From 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. the border has personnel on site to process travelers and from 4:00 p.m.-8:00 a.m. travelers will be processed through the crossing by an off-site officer using a kiosk to communicate; for further information read the February 12, 2016 article in the St. Albans Messenger

<http://www.samesessenger.com/morses-line-crossing-adds-remote-system-extends-hours/>

News from.....

Franklin Watershed Committee

Franklin Watershed Committee, Inc. is looking for a new treasurer for their Board of Directors. Roughly 8-10 hours/month commitment to be spent on bookkeeping and board meetings.

Monthly board meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 7pm at Franklin Homestead FELCO room. No experience required. Volunteer Position.

If interested in becoming treasurer or joining the board of directors, please contact Jessica at 802-393-0775 or email

franklinwatershed@gmail.com

BID NOTICE

Historic Preservation Grant Franklin Town Hall Scope of Work Individual Task Bids Accepted

- 1.) Entryway ceiling: Remove and replace approx. 100 sq feet of water damaged ceiling with sheetrock; finish, tape and paint to complete project.
- 2.) Handicap Entry Door: Remove and replace handicap entry door with a steel raised 6-panel door to match other exterior doors.

Disclaimer: It is the responsibility of the contractor to verify actual measurements for required work. The Town reserves the right to refuse any or all parts of the bid as listed.

*All work must meet the Secretary Standards for Rehabilitation”.

*This is a summarized posting; for complete bid package contact the Town Clerk’s Office at 285-2101.

*Bids due by April 6, 2016 by 12:00 noon; mail to Town of Franklin, P O Box 82, Franklin, VT 05457 marked “Town Hall bid”.

BID NOTICE

Town of Franklin Highway Dept. is Seeking sealed bids for: Steam Jenny

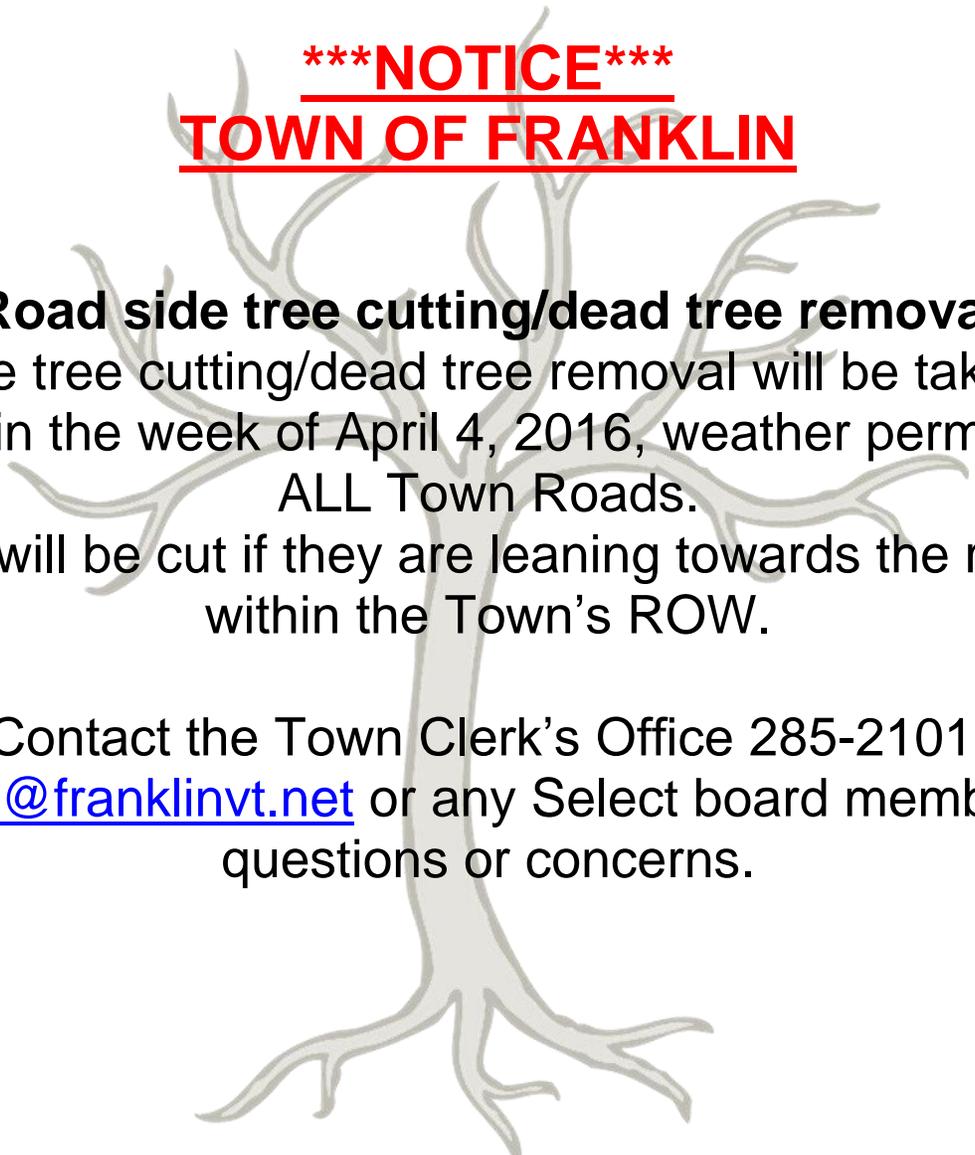
Approx. 20 years old/as is.

Contact Howard at town garage 285-2180 to view.

Bids due by April 6, 2016 at noon.

Mail to:

Town of Franklin
PO Box 82
Franklin, VT 05457



*****NOTICE*****
TOWN OF FRANKLIN

Road side tree cutting/dead tree removal

Road side tree cutting/dead tree removal will be taking place in Franklin the week of April 4, 2016, weather permitting, on ALL Town Roads.

Trees will be cut if they are leaning towards the road or within the Town's ROW.

Contact the Town Clerk's Office 285-2101, townoff@franklinvt.net or any Select board member with questions or concerns.



SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2016

8:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

FRANKLIN TOWN HALL

Please contact the Town Clerk's Office to reserve your
FREE vending space at 285-2101 or townoff@franklinvt.net

This event is sponsored by the Town of Franklin.



REMINDER

It's Time to License Your Dog(s)
With
The Town of Franklin

2016 Licenses are DUE by April 1st

Neutered/Spayed Dogs
Or Wolf-hybrid

On or before April 1st
\$8.00 + \$5.00= \$13.00

After April 1st
Late Fee \$2.00= \$15.00

Unneutered/Unspayed Dogs
Or Wolf-hybrid

On or before April 1st
\$12.00 + \$5.00= \$17.00

After April 1st
Late Fee \$4.00= \$21.00

Proof of rabies vaccination and spay/neuter if applicable is required.

******Dogs six months of age or older are required to be licensed in the town which they reside******

Please also notify us if you no longer have your dog(s).

Questions? Contact the Town Clerk's Office

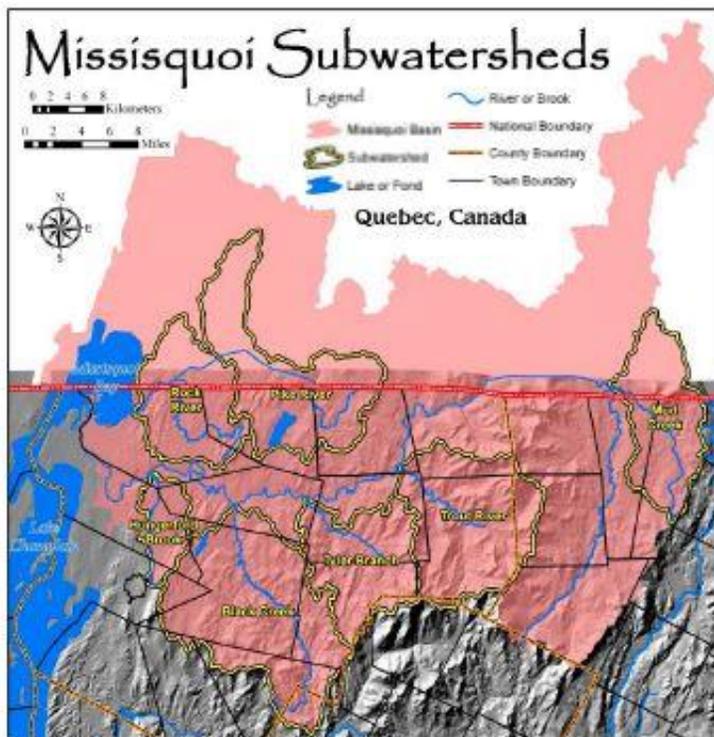
802-285-2101 or townoff@franklinvt.net

ABOVE DOG LICENSE FEES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016



Join the Conversation around the Missisquoi Bay Basin Plan

The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources is updating the 2013 Missisquoi Bay Tactical Basin Plan and wants you to join the discussion! The Agency will focus on identifying water quality hot spots and target strategies that can become a part of the plan for protecting waters in the Missisquoi Bay and Lake Champlain.



**Want to join the discussion?
Here are two ways to participate:**

1. Attend a Public Forum:

Thurs., March 31st at 7:00pm
Emergency Services Bldg.
83 Sampsonville Road
Enosburgh, VT

Thurs., April 21st at 6:00pm
Westfield Community Center
110 N. Hill Road
Westfield, VT

Tues., May 24th at 5:00pm
Franklin Town Hall
5336 Main Street
Franklin, VT

2. Contact ANR with your Comments.

Karen Bates, VT DEC Watershed Coordinator at Karen.Bates@vermont.gov or 879-2339

What is it?

The **Tactical Basin Plan** lays out the current condition of the surface waters and aquatic habitat, problems occurring with water quality and strategies to be taken by the Agency and partners to improve water quality.

The 2013 Plan identified the following as the major water quality problems in the Basin that impair, stress or threaten uses: land and streambank erosion, nutrient loading, shoreland encroachment from development and aquatic nuisance species.

At the public meetings we will discuss the expected priority actions to address these issues for Basin 6 that will include:

- Identifying projects to address agricultural landuse and stormwater runoff from roads and development; and
- Preparing road erosion inventories and capital budgets for towns in the basin;
- Improved flood resiliency by protecting river corridors and municipal infrastructure.

Timeframe

A draft of the plan is expected by the summer of 2016 and will be available for public review and comment at that time.

For directions or questions about the Public Forum contact Amanda Holland, Northwest Regional Planning Commission at aholland@nrpcvt.com or 524-5958.

Newsletter Policy/Disclaimer

This newsletter is sponsored by the Franklin Select board and is intended to provide the general public with information about Franklin, Vermont. You will find various committee notices and community events in each newsletter. Events and meetings can be added, changed or cancelled so please visit franklinvermont.com to stay current.