

**MINUTES OF FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD
OPENING OF SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION SERVICE BIDS
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2010 AT 7:00 P. M.
FRANKLIN TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

PRESENT: Scott Choiniere, Peter Kittell, Harvey Bushey, Lynn Paradis and Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk

GUESTS: Jason McConnell

Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

TOWN MEETING: The board discussed its options for the prayer/invocation to be done at Town Meeting. Jason McConnell entered the meeting to speak with the board on their wished. Jason does not feel comfortable with the "call to civility" invocation. If the board would like him to do a prayer he will do so and as he sees fit. Jason spoke with Diane Gates who had spoken with Ms. Hackett on a compromise considering the dedication of the town report to Thomas Magnant and respect to his family. Peter suggests Jason do the prayer before town meeting is opened at 9:55, all members agree. Jason exits the meeting.

CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION BID OPENING:

The bids for the Sidewalk construction inspection service were opened and reviewed to meet the six criteria and cost comparisons.

Stantec Consulting Service Inc. met the six criteria with a cost of \$34,519.00

RSG Inc met the six criteria with a cost of \$19,988.99

Hoyle, Tanner & Associates Inc met the six criteria with a cost of \$14,300.00

Peter/Scott made the motion to accept the bid from Hoyle, Tanner & Assoc, all members voted in favor. Lisa will forward the bids documents to Aimee Pope at VTrans for her review. Lisa will ask Aimee Pope at VTrans about the use of any remaining funds from the sidewalk grant. The board would like to know if they can be used to resurface Square Rd in its entirety after the project is complete with these possible monies.

SELECTBOARD FOLDER:

Henry Rainville from the Highgate Selectboard would like to speak with the Selectboard about the town allocating money for the repair/replacement of the ice hockey rink in Highgate. They will be coming to the next board meeting.

VTrans District 8 letter received about the line stripping of Town roads. Lisa will give Boy a copy so he may call with the roads that need to be done.

State paving grant received and reviewed for which roads should be applied for; in regards to the 2/1 match money. Swamp Rd will be applied for with a 1/2 " shim and 1" overlay. The board would like to complete the rest of Stanley Rd at the same time if the grant is received for Swamp Rd. Square Rd will be resurfaced after the sidewalk project is complete. Hanna Rd needs to be dug up and repaired by the Labrie property.

Scott advised he has joined the TAC committee with NWRP for the repair of Rte 120 and 105. Working with our legislature to get these repaved.

Humane Society contract for service as in the past was received and reviewed. Peter/Harvey made the motion for Scott to sign. All members voted in favor.

Lisa has completed the Weed Harvester grant and an updated permit for mechanical harvesting to include the expanded area and the native weeds on Lake Carmi. Scott signed the grant application and permit requests.

The board reviewed the modified time sheets and Rd cost sheets that Sara has done. This will enable the board to have a complete cost analysis per road at the end of the year. Need to add a line for the fuel gals and meter readings on the sheets.

Lynn/Harvey made the motion to adjourn at 8:10. All members voted in favor/meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa A Larivee, Town Clerk

NOTE: Minutes not official until approved at the next regular scheduled board meeting on March 8, 2010.