

**MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD  
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2015 @ 7:00 P.M.  
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

**Members Present:** Peter Magnant, Yvon Dandurand, Brooks Sturtevant, Andy Godin, Ed Rainville and Asst. Town Clerk/Treasurer, Sara Rainville. Sandi Murphy was present as the new minute taker.

**Guests:** Jessica Draper from Franklin Watershed Committee; Chelsea Roston from Americorps; Howard Vansette (road foreman); Mark Vinci and from the Fire Department Marshall Ploof, Justin Rainville and Mike Lawyer.

Pete Magnant called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m., then the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

**AGENDA ADMENDMENTS:** Add town hall work to Town Clerk concerns  
Add Personnel review to Town Clerk concerns. All in favor, 5-0 approved

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

No comments from the public

Pete said a few things about Tim Hopkins whom was working for the town and has recently passed away. Pete spoke of Tim's rich family history that goes back to 1886 when family members purchased the General Store.

**MINUTES:**

Brooks/Andy made the motion to approve the October 21, 2015 minutes with a typo change. All members voted in favor, 5-0, approved.

**TOWN CLERK CONCERNS:**

- Town Hall project: Marc Vinci updated the board on the work being done and told the Selectboard that the paint spray gun is broken. Pete asked him to get with Howard from the road crew and to finish up as much as possible with the warm weather we have left.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:**

- Final summary of Pidgeon Hill Project - the bridge project has been completed. The Selectboard members have all taken a look at the project. Sara stated the Town Clerk has all the bills needed to submit for the Grant. Item worth noting: the Pidgeon Hill Road culverts can be reused. They are being stored at Doug Clark's at present and he is fine with that arrangement.
- Traffic Ordinance - re: Morses Line speed limit. This is where the speed limit would be changed from 50 mph down to 40mph for approx .9 miles from west of Dandurand Road. Wording in the actual ordinance will be changed to give a more definitive description. Ed Rainville mentioned that the public at the last meeting seemed to be in favor; the Sheriff will be able to enforce this if the ordinance is passed. Yvon/Ed made the motion to approve the speed limit change ordinance. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote, all in favor.

**WATERSHED GRANT FOR GARAGE DRAINAGE STUDY:** - Jessica Draper explained the status of the Grant study. Lisa, the Town Clerk is putting the Grant application together. Motion made by Brooks/Andy to go forward with the application. Discussion followed. Motion carried 5-0 vote.

**FWC:** Watershed grant for Fire Dept. lot proposing to reduce water drainage directly into the stream. Jessica explained that this needs to be a separate grant; it is for \$10,000 and no study is needed. Redirect water off roof to back lawn of lot; water from Homestead Drive to filter through a green space/rain garden. Mike Lawyer had questions on the need for this grant and work. He was concerned about the possible loss of parking and about lighting. Marshall Ploof said people would park there anyway as old habits die hard. Mr. Ploof said there really is no water runoff problems there now as they have already been address. He was concerned that things may even, in fact, go backwards and he thought the money could be better spent elsewhere. Snow plowing concerns were brought up. Jessica explained what a rain garden is and how it helps water runoff. Also Jessica suggested enhancing the water drainage of the back lawn. This Grant needs to be in by November 20, 2015.

Pete said we need to look closer to see if there are benefits. Maybe we should re-examine the scope of work and discuss again at the next meeting. Jessica asked if she needs to come back with changes. Pete said they would be in touch.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Leash Law update - since Dennis Demar is not present we will table this item until next meeting
- Weed Harvester update - the new engine was installed on November 3rd, 2015. It's at the town garage. We will see what happens in the spring as it's too late weather wise to give it a test run now. The new engine has a five year warranty that is in writing.
- Park and Ride issue- the Selectboard has six months to respond as long as negotiations with the Telephone Company are continuing. Pete stated that we cannot call it a Park and Ride. Pete suggested Ed send out another letter from the Selectboard keeping Wayne Davis in the loop.

**TOWN CLERK CONCERNS CONT.:**

- A church member requested help to promote a Church Dinner and was denied using the town's e-mail list. Discussion followed about separation of church and government. The Town Clerk is looking for guidance on this matter. It was decided that these types of requests could be posted on Facebook under Community Events.
- Dock storage- Pete talked with Lisa, the Town Clerk, and we do not own the docks and cannot insure them. It was decided it would be safer to store the docks at the town garage.
- Sign weed harvester grant final report. Pete went over the report. Motion by Ed/Andy to sign the report. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.
- Personnel review - road crew worker Jeremy is up for a six month review. Discussion followed. Motion made by Yvon/Brooks to increase Jeremy's pay to \$18.50 per hour starting November 2, 2015 pay period. Motion carried 5-0.

**REVIEW AND SIGN BILLS:**

This was done

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no new business

**SELECTBOARD FOLDER:**

A letter from Senator Patrick Leahy was read.

A letter from MVU Substance Free 2016 Celebration asking for donations was read and was declined.

A letter from Energy Resource Group was noted.

A letter from the National Guard was noted.

A copy of a letter from Yvon to Aqua Marine and Subaru concerning the Weed Harvester and the warranty.

Pete asked Sara to have Lisa prepare a total sum of expenses for the Pidgeon Hill Road project.

**MEMBER CONCERNS/ OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Discussion resumed on the watershed grant for the fire department lot work. The Selectboard decided to pass applying for the grant. Sara will let Jessica and Fire Dept know.
- Henry Rainville has made the bases for the pillars. They need to be painted.
- The Bishop water line work was discussed; it was confirmed that the check was received and the issue is resolved.
- It was suggested maybe a time capsule could be placed in the pillars. The Selectboard suggested a note on Facebook to ask townspeople to help decide what to put in the time capsule.

No Executive session this meeting

Next meeting will be November 18, 2015 at 7 pm

Water Commission meeting will be November 9 at 6:00 pm

We will be starting budget decisions. We will need the cost of replacing water lines at the town hall from the building to the curb. Pete asked that any guests be scheduled for the first meeting of the month and reserve the second meeting of the month for budget work.

9:05 pm Motion made by Brooks/Yvon to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sandi Murphy, Recording Clerk  
November 9, 2015

**These minutes not approved until the next regular Selectboard meeting.**  
These minutes were approved at the November 18, 2015 meeting.