

**MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2014 @ 7:00 P.M.
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

Members Present: Peter Magnant, Yvon Dandurand, Ed Rainville

Guests: Howard Vansette

Peter Magnant called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was said.

Public Comments: No public comments

Highway Dept.: Rte. 120/235 & Middle Rd - Howard advised he has gotten the signs ordered and was going to start work this week. He will put up "road work" signs during work. Howard was going to mark out the pavement cut for review by Jim Cota at VTrans. Ed advised Leach's pit will take the pavement/dirt that is removed and recycle it. Howard will borrow the pavement cutter from Highgate to cut the corner out. He will paint the stop bars at all four stops on the pavement as well. Howard will get the best price for top soil. Discussed the new center and side line painting. Howard will be in touch with Jim Cota of VTrans to set up a time to review the placement of the new corner. There is a new sign coming from the lake showing the corner and with a 20 mph speed sign.

Dewing Road/Towle Neighborhood corner: Howard stated Jim Cota advised of a three-way stop with stop bars and cut some blacktop out to make a more parallel corner. Ed advised there is also a reverse grade after the corner making the slope incorrect; could add more blacktop to make it correct. Ed feels one stop sign for traffic coming up from the lake would prevent the issue making a "T" to Dewing/Towle. Need to warn for the next meeting to change the speed limit to 25 miles per hour at this corner and for adding a stop sign.

Member Concerns:

- Peter states he has gotten no reply from VTrans regarding the board's request to reduce the speed limit on Lake Rd from Riley to Dewing Rds.
- Peter asked Howard about the paving project on Morses Line Rd and when they were going to start. Howard advised they will start on Thursday this week, Jack from Pike was here to give suggestions on where to pave; he met with Andy; will start at the curve of Richard Rd heading west to just past the Messier Rd for 1.3 miles. The board approved the location of paving based on Andy's meeting with Pike. There is a culvert that needs to be replaced beyond this point that will be fixed before being repaved in the future just west of Dandurand Rd; needs to be dug out and lowered this summer. Howard advised there is ditching on Dandurand Rd by the Godin farm that needs work; on Richard Rd by Lyle Richard; Swamp Rd by the corners where it has washed out.
- Ed spoke with the state crew that was sealing cracks on State Park Rd recently. The crew advised the cracks stay sealed for two-four years and is a great bang for the buck to maintain the pavement. Ed feels we should use some of the equipment rental budget to seal cracks to give extra life to the pavement to protect our investment. All the paved roads should be looked at; Stanley and the rest of Morses Line need to be done. Nicon was working for the state and would be available in September. Howard will get quotes for sealing where needed.
- **Better Back Roads grant:** Peter advised of receipt of the grant that needs to be signed to execute for funding. Howard reviewed the plan for the work to be done at the corner of Webster Rd-Hanna Rd; will redo the culvert/man hole structure. Yvon/Ed make the motion to approve the grant for work this work to be done. All members voted in favor, motion passed.
- **Open meeting law training:** Wednesday, July 30 with NRPC, Peter and Yvon are planning to attend, if more attend will need to be warned.
- **Dewing Bridge:** Howard advised that two samples, one from Leach's and Wright's were turned in for sample testing. Leach's passed, this will be used as that is where we currently get our gravel.
- **Weed Harvester:** Howard put a new muffler on the machine last week. It has been working at the Dewing Shore area. Yvon states there is a drainage pipe that was installed in the spring at the boat ramp that is making it difficult to unload at Dewing Shore Rd.

- The board urges the highway department to continue to be wise spenders with the town's budget and try to find the best deal/costs with all purchases. Need to cut anywhere possible to contain the costs.

Ed/Yvon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All members voted in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Next meeting on August 13, 2014

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk
July 24, 2014

These minutes are not official until approved at the Selectboard's next regular meeting.

These minutes were approved at the August 13, 2014 meeting.