

**MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD
TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2012
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

Members Present: Peter Magnant, Yvon Dandurand, Kyle Lothian, Mike Lawyer, Wayne Laroche, Lisa Larivee (Town Clerk/Treasurer)

Guests: Jim Cameron, Watershed Committee; Bill Ellis, Attorney; Karen Marshall, Connect VT; Justin Rainville, Fire Department; Lucille Rainville; Howard Vansette & Ron Lontine, highway crew.

Peter Magnant called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Watershed Committee:

Jim Cameron was here to update the board on work being done on Hammond Shore to continue with the cleanup of the soil/sediment that washed into the lake last year. There will be a work crew coming to aid again this summer with vacuuming out the sediment. Last year approx. 11 cubic yards were removed, hundreds still remain. Jim is asking for assistance from the town with trailers and use of whatever equipment may be available to assist. Jim thanked and exited the meeting.

Fire Dept.:

Justin Rainville came to the meeting to discuss with the board the repaving of the fire dept. lot and work needing to be done. The fire department will be cutting the cement from the inside of the building to tie in with the new pavement for better drainage. Justin advises they will need storage for the fire trucks for a few days while this work is done as they cannot stay outside due to theft concerns. Justin thanked and exited the meeting.

Town Plan:

Lucille Rainville entered the meeting with concern of the shoreline district dimensions on the updated town plan. The board advised that the dimension is staying at 500 ft. in the shoreline district.

Minutes:

Minutes of March 12; Kyle/Wayne made the motion to approve as written. No comments. All members voted in favor 5-0, motion passed.

Minutes of March 20; Mike/Wayne made the motion to approve with changes as noted. No comments. All members voted in favor 5-0, motion passed.

Bills/Financial statement:

Bills were reviewed and signed. Financial report distributed and reviewed.

Cell towers:

Karen Marshall with Connect VT entered the meeting and was welcomed by the board. Ms. Marshall was invited to discuss the projects that are taking place in the state with federal grants to update/improve the broadband and cell phone reception. The problem with Franklin reception is that the calls will often roam into Canada with Rogers or Bell; these extra charges can be reversed by calling your provider. Ms. Marshall advised that cell towers work with broadband lines-VTel is working on future connections. Village centers are target points; by 2013 they have 155 sites throughout the state slated for updated signals. Site acquisitions have begun and take approximately 65 days for the process to be completed before actual equipment installation. Karen thanked and exited the meeting.

Park & Ride:

Bill Ellis, attorney, entered the meeting and was welcomed by the board. Mr. Ellis updated the board members of the back ground and status of the Park & Ride lawsuit. Mr. Ellis discussed the current settlement and dismissal of counts as ordered by the court. Kyle/Wayne made a motion for approval of the settlement and release; for Peter Magnant to sign on behalf of the board. All members voted in favor 5-0, motion passed. Bill thanked for his time and efforts regarding the lawsuit and exited the meeting.

Highway crew:

Howard and Ron entered the meeting. Howard updated the board on the loader repairs that have been completed. The grader had a breakdown last week; hydraulic issue

that needed immediate attention. The board would like to see the highway crew become certified with training and schooling through VT Local Roads.

- Projects: Rte. 235 from the village to Richard Rd needs to have ditching and culvert work for approx. one mile; pavement will be needed to repair some safety issues. Hanna Rd by Art Davis is breaking up and needs some attention. Howard and Mike will work with Pike on a paving plan to get all areas completed. The fire department lot will cost approx. \$7,000 in pavement and needs gravel/stone to replace the poor base. The board approved of buying a measuring wheel for \$60-70 to use for paving/road projects and 911 numbering. The board discussed future paving projects that will be needed; 2013 Morses Line will need to be completed of the resurfacing project; 2014 Riley Rd and Dewing Rd will need resurfacing.
- Equipment replacement- long term plan was discussed for the loader, grader and Mac truck. The highway crew should do oil sampling on equipment to get inside engine quality/evaluations. The size of the grader was discussed; a larger unit would give better quality work.
- Weed/brush control with round-up or other chemicals needs to be looked at. Mike will call the state on requirements of permits.
- Howard has spoken with Charbonneau's about purchasing blue rock. They are considerably cheaper than Leach's was; they have no more available. Howard and Ron thanked and exited the meeting.

Town Clerk's Concerns:

- Beach ordinance reviewed. Yvon/Mike made a motion to table until May meeting for further review. All members voted in favor 5-0, motion passed. Issue tabled.
- Town hall user agreement/policy update reviewed. Kyle/Mike made a motion to approve as written. All members voted in favor 5-0, motion passed.
- Stop sign ordinance update reviewed. Kyle/Yvon made a motion to table the ordinance update pending further discussion. All members voted in favor 5-0, motion passed; table until a later date.
- 2012 Compensation Sheet: Election/town meeting workers, Kyle/Wayne made a motion to increase the daily rate paid to \$50. All members voted in favor 5-0, motion passed. Mileage rate discussed. Board approved changing to the published IRS rate yearly on January 1, current rate is \$.555. Civil board pay discussed; Kyle/Yvon made a motion to remove this compensation line. All members voted in favor 5-0, motion passed.
- Committee appointments:
 - Tri-town committee: Kyle nominates Jessica Williams, Peter nominates Vawn Edele; Mr. Edele is an engineer. Vote taken for each candidate: Jessica-Kyle votes for, Vawn-Peter, Yvon, Mike, Wayne. Vawn is appointed new member to the Tri-town committee.
 - Energy Commission: Gerald Gates nominated by Peter. All members voted in favor 5-0.
 - Board of Adjustment: Lisa asked to do a "Thank you" letter to David Rood. Appointment of a new member tabled until next meeting.
- PACIF Equipment grant: Lisa reviewed the grant from VLCT for the fire alarm system connection/upgrade cost of \$1105. The grant requires a 50% match. The board discussed the option of also adding a burglar alarm to the system. Lisa will look into the cost and capability with Life Safety Systems. The board approved of the grant with Peter's discretion to add the burglar alarm and sign the grant.
- Fuel bids: Yvon/Kyle made a motion not to bid with a cap price at this time as the market is volatile right now and to wait until late summer/fall to get quotes. Lisa will do letter to Blouin Bros to cease deliveries as of May 31 when the contract ends, for best interest of the town budget. All members voted in favor 5-0, motion passed.

Old Business:

- Mary Viens culvert issue at Dewing/Hammond Rds.: Mike advised the fire department blew out the culvert of most debris. The highway crew straightened the crushed end. There is no water flowing at this time. There are other culverts in the area that are contributing to the problem as well. The land owner of the culverts must take responsibility for any work to be done. State Ag Dept. needs to be involved for crop management/drainage issues. Mike will speak with Mrs. Viens about the lines that are running through the culvert.
- McCurley driveway permit: Two board members spoke with Bud and visited the site on the concern of combining the two driveways into one. Bud advises that due

to the location of the wells and septic fields that the driveways do not work as a single cut. The two approaches must be at grade with a car length of storage. Kyle/Mike made the motion to accept the permit with stipulations as noted. All members voted in favor 5-0, motion passed.

- Dewing Shore Stabilization project: Mike took paperwork to review what is needed to proceed and complete the project. Mike & Kyle met with Randy Reed and Dwight Robtoy from VTrans at the north end beach to discuss what can be done with the stones that were put along the beach and road side by the state. The state will remove the stone and inquire if an Army Corp permit is needed. The board approved of leaving 2 ft. wide of stones to stabilize the road as needed. The town will look into covering the large stones with sand or other options to make them more beach friendly. VTrans will contact Fish & Game regarding the leased area to discuss the stones in that area.

New Business:

- Hay bids: Discussed the question of manure spreading or other nutrient uses by potential bidders and the towns liability of run off. Agreed to write into the lease must use "State of VT Ag Department Best Management Practice", terms one year lease due May 15.

Bids opened: David Woods \$2,000
Kenneth Corey \$503
RJ Fournier \$900

Board awarded bid to David Woods for \$2,000. Lisa will be in touch with Mr. Woods regarding lease details and signing.

- Weed Harvester Applications: Kyle recused himself from the room. Applications reviewed and three candidates chosen for interviews. Lisa will set appointments for Tues the 17th starting at 6:00. Board recommendations of skills include; drive tractor, general mechanics and available hours to meet grant requirements.
- Highway engineering study: Lisa will contact Cross Engineering to invite them to the May meeting to review work needed regarding drainage and highway lot issues.
- ATV's: Bouchard's have been pulled over on the Morses Line Rd while traveling to the farm fields by law enforcement. The town has an ordinance on file in the office and have given a copy to the Bouchard's and the sheriff's office.
- Emergency funds: reserved funds spoken of in the town plan for any town financial use. Town meeting approval needed for future fund savings and uses.

Selectboard folder:

- Emergency Operations plan updated and reviewed with the board. Peter signed as the board chair.

Members Concerns:

- Thursday, April 12 there is a Beach Committee meeting. Peter is concerned if this committee is under the guidance of the select board and should be reporting to the board. Kyle represents the board on the committee but the committee was formed on their own, not by the order of the select board. The town is involved in the use and improvements of the beach as town property.
- Vermont Homeland Security has a grant available to upgrade the highway department radios for the narrowband requirements. Mike will work on the equipment quotes and asset list, Lisa will complete the rest of the grant. Board authorized Lisa to sign and submit on-line, due April 13th.
- Barb Varin has voiced concern with the minutes.
- Equipment repair budget line is nearing its limit. There have been many repairs this year. Will need to look at other budget lines to balance for the year.
- Camp/Private Roads: board needs to write a policy on this issue. The highway crew has been instructed not to do any work on camp/private roads without the approval of the board.

Kyle/Wayne made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All members voted in favor 5-0, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk
April 12, 2012

These minutes are not official until approved at the Select board's next regular meeting. Minutes were approved May 8, 2012.