

**MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD
MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2011
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

Members Present: Peter Kittell, Peter Magnant, Scott Choiniere, Yvon Dandurand, Lisa Larivee (Town Clerk/Treasurer)

Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Town Clerk's Concerns:

- High Risk Rural Roads program (HRR) information has been received from NWRP regarding Rice Hill Rd in Franklin, Highgate and Sheldon. NWRP advises that this is a federally funded program to mitigate the safety issues of rural roads. If towns wish to participate NWRP will coordinate with a VTrans contractor to do work on the road to include signage, pavement markings and clearing of obstructions in the ROW. Guidelines were read and discussed. Yvon/Peter K made the motion to accept the HRRR program work and authorize Scott to sign agreement. 5-0 All in favor, motion passed.
- Energy Audits for the Town Office/Library and Town Hall were reviewed. NWRP advises there may be funding or resources available to the town for funding the efficiency improvements recommended in the audits. They are asking the town to prioritize the work recommended for review by the NWRP energy committee board. The Selectboard discusses; Town Hall issues-moisture control, air sealing, foundation insulation. Town Office/Library-air sealing, attic insulation.

Dog Issues:

- Kern Dogs-have been advised to keep dogs chained at all times. Board members and neighbors are watching to be sure this is being done and dogs are not off the property again. Board agrees to give until May 3 for the licenses to be completed. If not done by such date invite Mr. Kern to the board meeting on May 9 to discuss his responsibility and liability. If Mr. Kern does not attend the meeting the dogs will be picked up and impounded with fees.
- Sartwell/King issue. Ms. Sartwell's dog left their property and destroyed 9 of Mr. King's chickens. The parties have spoken and I have advised Ms. Sartwell that she is liable for the damages of the chickens. They understand the responsibility and will pay for the replacement of the 2 year old layers for \$10 each.
- Kennel: The board has discussed the need to purchase a kennel for animal control to house dogs which are impounded. Peter M/Peter K made the motion to purchase a kennel approximately 10x10x6 at a cost of \$280. Town Clerk will check with Tractor Supply or McCuins. 5-0 All in favor, motion passed.

Member Concerns:

Kyle Lothian has done the window repair that was much needed at the town hall of all the large exterior windows. They have been rechalked and painted. The board discussed the compensation that should be given as Kyle did not want to be paid for the many hours of work he did. Yvon/Peter M made the motion to get a \$250 gift certificate to McCuins for Kyle. 5-0 All in favor, motion passed.

Next meeting May 9, 2011.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Peter M/Peter K. 5-0 All in favor, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk
April 26, 2011

These minutes are not official until approved at the Select board's next regular meeting. Minutes approved on May 9, 2011.