

# Franklin Selectboard Meeting

## April 5, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

### Town Clerk's Office

**Present:** Peter Magnant, Yvon Dandurand, Andy Godin, Brooks Sturtevant, Ed Rainville and Sandi Murphy (Minute Taker)

**Guests:** Jean Elizabeth Shockley, John Barrows and Patrick Hayes from the FWC; Kathy Rouleau Doing A Summer Camp For Kids, Bridget Thompson From The Rec Committee; Tina Lothian, Vicki Gratton, Heather Vaillancourt, Dee Greenia, ( Day Care Providers); Mark Toof, ( Emergency Management Coordinator) and Jay Denault ( MVU Concerns).

At 7:01 P.M. Peter M Called The Meeting To Order. All Present Recited The Pledge Of Allegiance.  
Agenda Amendments - None  
Public Comments - None

#### **MINUTE APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 22ND MEETING**

Brooks S/Ed R made a motion to accept the minutes with one correction: on Line 96 under member concerns should say "this year" after funded. Vote taken, All in favor, Motion passed. The Town Meeting Minutes need to be signed as corrected. All SB members signed the corrected version.

#### **FWC- JOHN BARROWS**

- The Bids were opened for the "Highway run- off project. There were three bids submitted. Yvon D opened the bid from Trudell Consulting Engineers and it was for a total of \$7,902; Brooks S opened the bid from Civil Engineering Associates, Inc. and it was for a total of \$7,000; Andy G opened the bid from Ruggiano Engineering Associates and it was \$8,500. John Barrows was present and looked over the Bids. Peter M suggested John and the FWC and the SB review the Bids closer and meet again on April 25, 2017 at the next SB meeting to make a decision. Lisa will get copies of the Bids to John Barrows.
- Beach planting project - John Barrows said that NO Permit is required to do the planting. The plantings will help prevent erosion by stabilizing the soil. It will also help the aesthetics. Further discussion followed. Andy G will see to it that the town road crew will clean things up over there ASAP. Peter M said the FWC has the full support of the SB.

#### **REVIEW AND SIGN BILLS**

All the SB members reviewed the Bills and signed off on them.

#### **TOWN CLERK CONCERNS**

- The Town Clerk's Office will be closed on April 11th, 2017 for the Town Government Conference. The SB is OK with that plan.
- Highgate sign Purchase? Peter M asked if the SB members had any interest in bidding on the sign. SB members were not sure how they would use the sign. Bids need to be submitted by 4-18-17. The SB decided to pass for now.

#### **EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN REVIEW**

Tina Lothian, Vickie Gratton, Heather Vaillancourt and Dee Greenia, and Mark Toof were all present to discuss the new State Statues. The new Rules go into effect September 1, 2017. Tina Lothian spoke for the Child Care Providers and asked if Lisa could e-mail her a copy of the Town Emergency Operations Plan. Peter M said yes. Tina asked for permission to put Peter M's, Mr. Toof's and the Fire Chief's contact info on her plan. Both said yes. Mark Toof asked for the child care provider's floor plans and permission to do a site visit per day care. He also wants a copy of their plans and hours of operation. Peter M wants the Town to have a copy of their plans, as well. Tina raised concerns about the Canadian Border being so close and whether or not this should be a concern addressed in their plans. Mark Toof said it should not be a concern as a "hazard". The Border Control Officers deal with crimes. All of the Child Care Providers agreed to provide a paper copy of their plans to the Town Clerk.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

ZBA Board Membership reduction - the question at hand is: should the ZBA be reduced to five members down from seven? Yvon D/Brooks S made a motion to reduce the ZBA to five members. Vote taken, All in Favor, motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Town Hall use and cost. Kathy Rouleau is hosting a summer camp the last week of July from 8-2 each day, 30 hours total. Franklin Recreation Dept. is looking to partner with this program. Insurance is the issue. They are looking for a way to be covered under the

Town's insurance, and they are asking for a flat fee instead of the \$10 per hour rate. The SB agreed to revisit the Town Hall use rules and the insurance issue.

- Jay Denault was present regarding a letter he has concerning the MVU excess funds issue. Jay said a reserve fund must be established to use these funds and it must be voted on by the School District. And the water line project needs to be voted on by the taxpayers of the Village of Swanton. Peter M said the MVU Board may not know they have these problems. Jay Denault gave the SB a copy of a letter he has obtained from Attorney Gilles stating the problem. The SB agreed to send a copy of this letter to the MVU Board and to the Superintendent.

#### **MEMBER CONCERNS**

Peter M - Re: Ambulance Service, he has sent a letter to the Enosburgh Selectboard. The septic tank issue at the town garage has been fixed according to Andy G. Peter M asked Andy G if there are any concerns with culverts. Andy G said no problems. Peter M asked him to check a culvert by Peter's mom's house.

Brooks S - He should be able to make the April 25th SB Meeting.

Andy G - no concerns

Yvon D - no concerns

Ed R - there is a tree in front of the Kern property on the Hanna Road that may need to be taken down. Andy G said he would look into this.

#### **ADJOURN**

Brooks S/ Ed R made a motion to adjourn at 9:42 p.m.. Vote taken, All in Favor, motion carried.

**NEXT MEETING IS APRIL 25TH, 2017 AT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE AT 9:00 A.M.**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

Sandi Murphy, Minute Taker

April 6, 2017

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

These minutes were approved at the April 25, 2017 Selectboard meeting.