

**MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD
MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2011
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

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

Guests Present: Mike Wichrowski, VT Fish & Game

Peter Magnant called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Beach boat launch lease:

Pete M welcomed Mike Wichrowski from VT Fish & Game to the meeting. The board reviewed the draft lease that has been written between the Town of Franklin and VT Fish & Wildlife for the purpose of the north end beach boat launch.

- Parking is an issue. Both parties will be in contact with AOT regarding options of parking; proposal for a wider shoulder on the north side of Rte 120.
- Will need to consider the appropriate signage for the safety of parking/pedestrians
- The 250 ft east beyond the boat launch will be measured to be sure that this is the necessary distance for safety of all.
- Only use of the leased area will be for boating of any vessel, hunting or fishing; no swimming is allowed in the leased area.
- Reduce terms to 25 years rather than 50 years.
- Termination by the state only if default on their part of the lease.
- If a natural disaster/damages occur the VT F&G will replace or repair the launch.

Mike requests copies of the board minutes with the approval of the board so he may proceed with the lease and acquisition of the property. Board will visit the north beach on August 25 at 7:00 to measure the distance needed to the east of the boat launch and review at September meeting. Mike exited the meeting.

Docks at North beach:

VLCT's attorney has given the board a legal opinion on private docks being installed on the Town public beach. They advise private docks should not be allowed for town liability reasons. The board requests for Lisa to invite the two parties that have installed docks to the September 12th meeting to speak with the board. Lisa will work on a beach policy for review at September meeting.

Municipal Planning Grant (MPG):

Pete M and Yvon attended the Tri-town committee meeting on Aug 18 in which the tri-town MPG was discussed for the purpose of studying the options for the Highgate arena; (1) to update/repair the existing building, (2) renovate and a small addition (lockers, maintenance room and café) to the existing building, (3) a new arena. The grant is for a max of \$25,000 with a \$5,000 match which will be split equally by the three towns (\$1,667) each. Franklin voiced that they were not happy with the split of the match as we have a much smaller population. David Jescavage from Highgate will be the grant administrator, Kim Gates Maynard (Franklin), Dick Thompson (Swanton) and Paulette Tatro (tri-town rep) will all oversee the grant. An RFP will be done by the group on the requirements of the study. Safety codes will be brought up to standard with which ever option is done to the building. If the grant is not received for the study the committee will propose the expense to the towns at town meeting.

Pete M/Kyle made to motion for the Town of Franklin to participate in the MPG with Highgate and Swanton for \$25,000 with a \$5,000 match of which each town will equally pay 1/3 of (\$1,667) for the evaluation of the tri-town Highgate arena. No discussion, 3 votes yes, Peter K voted no, motion passed.

Pete M/Peter K made a motion for David Jescavage to be the grant administrator, Dick Thompson (Swanton), Kim Gates Maynard (Franklin) and Paulette (tri-town rep) to be grant officers and all other Selectboard members will be able to view the grant. 4-0 All members voted in favor, motion passed.

Lisa will write up the Grant Resolution for signature by the Select board at the Sept 12 meeting.

Town Clerk's Concerns:

- The postmaster at the post office has complained that the King's chickens and roosters have been perching on the P.O. porch and leaving much of a mess. The community members have complained of the droppings and danger to the public by the birds. The board will go visit Mr. King to work on a resolution to the problem.

- Town hall has been scraped by the Youth Corp group and they have completed their time here and left town. The board discussed their options of painting the town hall as soon as possible. Peter K and Kyle will volunteer their time to paint.
- Gave board members information on the weed control herbicide and have more info in the office to review if wish.

Park & Ride:

The Board discussed the Park & Ride Superior Court case that has received a ruling. Reviewed the determinations made in executive session at last meeting to confirm next step moving forward with attorney.

Next regular Selectboard meeting is September 12, 2011.

Kyle/Yvon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 4-0 All members voted in favor, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk
August 23, 2011

These minutes are not official until approved at the Select board's next regular meeting. These minutes were approved on September 12, 2011.