

**MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2015 @ 7:00 P.M.
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

Members Present:

Peter Magnant, Yvon Dandurand, Brooks Sturtevant, Ed Rainville, Sandi Murphy, minutes reporter

Guests:

Judith McLaughlin from LCCA (Lake Carmi Campers Association)

Call to order at 7:03 p.m. by Pete Magnant; Pledge of Allegiance recited

Agenda amendments:

DEC correspondence concerning the Mill Dam will be discussed under Old Business.

Public Comment Period

No Public present. Peter M wanted to say Thank you to the Selectboard members and everyone that helped put the pillars up at the Library. Thank you to Burt Maynard and Franklin Telephone Co for use of their boom truck, Devyon Jones, Phillip Dandurand, Silas Rainville and all others that helped in any way.

Approve Minutes of November 18, 2015

The minutes of November 18th were reviewed. Two minor changes were made. Under Town Clerk concerns and Town Hall the word will was changed to with; and at the top of page two Pete was changed to Yvon (Yvon was the one asking). Ed Rainville/Yvon Dandurand made the motion to approve the minutes with the two corrections. Vote taken, 4-0, all in favor.

Minutes of the joint School Board/ Selectboard Meeting of 11-24-2015 were reviewed. No action taken. Pete will talk with Lisa (TC) about future Schoolboard/ SB meetings.

Town Clerk Concerns:

- **BCA to change Poll opening time.** The BCA (Board of Civil Authority) has to approve any changes on Polling times. BCA will be meeting on 12-16-2015 @ 6:30p.m. And this change can be done at that time. Concerning Town Meeting times the SB can discuss this at another time.
- **VLCT (Vermont League of Cities and Towns)** had an agent come and conduct a loss control audit and comment on necessary actions. In a letter dated 11-05-2015, Jeff from VLCT, many suggestions were made such as the town having insurance to cover Town Hall users. The Librarian had commented to Jeff that she had used the VLCT services in the past and found them helpful. A Franklin worker had taken the Flagger Class and passed. Many other recommendations were made such as A-11-15-05. Please refer to the letter for specifics. Brooks Sturtevant/Ed Rainville made a motion to have the mounted fixture ladder on the east side of the Town Hall be removed for safety reasons. Motion carried, 4-0. Other concerns that need to be addressed are fuel nozzles at the Town Garage and some of the ladders need upgrading.
- **Humane Society (Franklin County Animal Rescue) contract.** This contract has a \$500 annual fee attached to it. Pete Magnant stated that in the past the Humane Society was not helpful when needed. Lisa provided a History: there was no contract in FY2015 and the Town paid one boarding fee of \$50. In FY2014 Franklin signed a contract and paid the \$500.fee. In FY2013 we paid a \$1000 for an Assessment and contract (\$500 each). Pete Magnant would like to have a discussion @ Town Meeting about this via an Article verses just a line item if a petition is presented for funding.

Lake Carmi Campers Association:

Guest Judith McLaughlin from LCCA was present and spoke to the Selectboard about an invoice the LCCA had received from the Town of Franklin for \$6,665 with no itemization or explanation. Judith stated that LCCA reviewed the Grant Application and LCCA has decided that they can't pay anything until they know what they are paying for. Pete Magnant stated that Polly Gadbois had informed the board that LCCA may be willing to help with up to \$10,000 towards weed harvester and this offer was declined by the Town. Judith M asked if the Selectboard had seen or reviewed the invoice. The Selectboard did not review the invoice before it went out. Pete Magnant said he needs to talk with Lisa to clarify the numbers. Ed Rainville explained some discussions held prior. Pete Magnant suggested the current invoice be disregarded and a new one will be sent that is more specific. LCCA stated that all future agreements will be in writing. Pete Magnant asked LCCA to agree on what they are willing to pay for and the amount. Judith M said LCCA will take this up again and be in touch

Review and Sign Bills:

Painting of the Town Hall invoice was reviewed and signed. Pete Magnant asked if there were any other bills. None found. Ed Rainville said the sign went up today on the Town Hall and it looks good.

Budget review and Preparations FY17:

Re: Brick quotes, Ed Rainville spoke with Lisa about this and she wants to apply for a grant. Why put this in the Budget before we have solid numbers/quotes? The brick work needs to be done grant or no

grant. There are two quotes in and we are looking for one more. Maybe Greg Hall would give us a quote. Ed Rainville will talk with Lisa and take care of this. The brick work on the Library needs to be done as well as the town hall floor resurfacing, and quotes needed on ends for sand shed. The snowblower may be good for another year, but the shaft is worn and should be repaired or replaced. Brooks Sturtevant/Yvon Dandurand made a motion to repair or replace the shaft and gearbox if the cost is under \$300 to have it done. Motion carried, 4-0. To summarize, quotes are needed before the next Selectboard meeting on the following: floor and electrical repair at Town Hall; Brick work on the Library; Sand shed ends. Also, the Library elevator needs repair. And we need quotes on the water lines for the Town Hall. The Water Commissioners think \$3,000 to 4,000 should be budgeted. Pete Magnant spoke with the United Methodist Church to see if they will split the cost with the Town as this is a common line for them and the Town Hall. The next Water meeting is 12-14-2015 @ 6p.m. and a Selectboard member should attend this meeting. The next Budget meeting for the Selectboard is 12-16-2015 and the Highway budget will be discussed.

Old Business:

- **Park and Ride Issue** - Lisa and Ed drafted a letter to Wayne Davis. Pete Magnant read it aloud to Selectboard members. (Please refer to the letter for content.) Pete Magnant wanted to make it clear that the Town of Franklin would not be interested in taking over the road after losing the lawsuit at this time. Pete Magnant is fine with the content of the letter. Yvon Dandurand wants to meet Sue Mintor's replacement and have a discussion. Ed Rainville said that may not happen. Pete Magnant wants to request a meeting with the Secretary of Transportation or their agent if they have further questions regarding the letter. Brooks Sturtevant/ Ed Rainville made motion to sign letter and send it out. Motion carried, 4-0.
- **DEC/Mill Pond causeway:** Pete Magnant read a letter from DEC (they own the Mill Pond Dam) - very little information is in this letter. Pete Magnant wants the Selectboard to be involved with any decisions that are made. We need a protocol.

New Business:

Water District/Highway shared resources agreement - Selectboard talked to Enosburg Falls Village to see how they deal with this issue. Pete Magnant said that Lisa came up with an agreement based on conversation with other towns which will be discussed further at the next Water District Meeting. Pete Magnant mentioned concerns about "availability" of employees and equipment. Yvon Dandurand agreed. Selectboard requests they have this discussion at the next Water meeting scheduled for 12-14-2015.

Selectboard Folder:

- The Selectboard has been invited to the Haston Library Trustees' meeting on 12-03-2015.
- Chief of Police invitation to a luncheon in Montpelier.
- Franklin County Budget meeting 17 Church Street, St.Albans.
- Home Health Agency sent a Thank-you letter.
- VT Dept. of Health/Franklin - sent a letter explaining services offered.
- NW Unit Investigations - Children's Advocacy sent a Thank you letter.
- FCIDC sent a Thank you for donation.
- VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force sent a letter asking for a \$100 donation.

Pete Magnant stated that many of these letters are a response from the donations recently sent out after taxes were received.

Member concerns/Other business:

- Ed Rainville mentioned a town resident complained to him about his road conditions. Pete Magnant said he would like to have an update from Howard on the work being done and also on a tree on Colton road. The Selectboard wants to be sure these concerns are followed up on. Ed Rainville did drive the road that same day to see for himself what might need to be done.
- Yvon Dandurand asked where the Selectboard was on the Homestead Evacuation Plan. No definitive answer.
- Pete Magnant asked if the speed limit sign had been installed yet? No, because there is a warning period.
- Pete Magnant asked if the Weed Harvester warranty had arrived. Ed Rainville will ask Lisa in the a.m..
- Pete Magnant then summarized which Selectboard member had agreed to follow up on what. Brooks Sturtevant/Ed Rainville made a motion to adjourn at 8:52p.m. . All members voted in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandi Murphy, minute reporter
December 1, 2015

These minutes are not official until approved at the Selectboard's next regular meeting.
These minutes were approved at the December 16, 2015 meeting.