

**MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2011
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

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

Guests: Howard Vansette, Roland Lontine

Scott Choiniere called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Lisa handed out 2011 budget/actual expense sheets. The board went through each budget item for 2012.

General budget

- Health insurance has a reduction in premium due to change in policy and lower rates. Board approved \$220 for vision coverage to be reimbursed with receipt for each employee on the health insurance plan
- Library proposed budget discussed and available funds. Alyson, Trustee, will be coming to the next meeting to review the budget with the board.
- Town Hall line – detail report to review at next meeting.

Highway budget

- Loader tire needs discussed; have been having many flats and cost is \$300 for each repair service. VT Tire \$2560 for 4 new biased tires, not installed. Marshall Tire \$600 for 2 new or \$2500 for 4 used ½ tread radials installed. Radial tires have twice the life of biased tires. Marshall will deliver/install now and bill in 2012. Yvon/Kyle made a motion to purchase the used radial tires from Marshall's for the loader and pay for in 2012 budget. 5-0, All voted in favor. Ron advised the center pin/bushing on the loader is also getting bad. To get pricing to repair right away.
- Grader tires discussed. They are in need of new tires and wheels; \$1800 for new wheels only. Yvon suggested filling with gel, Kyle advised the current tires will not hold up as they are cheap tires. Howard will keep pricing wheels and tires for the grader.
- Shop & Tools: the highway crew should purchase a 1" drive torque wrench for installing tires.
- Highway salaries: Discussed work done and federal cost of living. Kyle/Peter M made a motion to give a \$.45 hourly raise to both men. 5-0, All voted in favor.
- Gas & Fuel: Lisa will check with Blouins for a credit on account.
- Paving/Resurfacing: Fire Dept has requested that their lot needs to be done next year. Morses Line Rd needs to be completed/resurfaced as well.

Budget discussion will be continued and completed at the next regular meeting.

Scott advised the Select board would like the highway crew to see things that need to be done and take care of before the board needs to address it. They need to take initiative. Why aren't they taking care of the obvious things?

There are vehicles from the Homestead residents that need to be parked in the Homestead lot, not in the municipal lot.

Yvon advised he has been dealing with Clark's Truck Center regarding the recent repairs to Howard's truck on the improper factory warranty work. Randy E. Clark has agreed to give us a \$700 credit for this work that was billed to us. Howard advised he also has a leaking air bag on his wing that he will check with Clark's on. Howard and Ron thanked and exited the meeting.

Weed Control:

Board discussed the application of the herbicide to Lake Carmi for the milfoil control. Upon further investigation and gathering of information the board agreed that they were not in favor of this process or of supporting the project financially. Lisa will do a letter to the committee advising that it will not be on the town meeting warning. The committee can petition the board with 5% of the voter approval to be included on the warning.

Fish & Game dock lease:

The dock lease from Fish & Game was reviewed by the board. Yvon/Kyle made the motion to accept the dock lease as written with changes made by Mike W regarding the dock installation/removal. Discussed the liability of the town highway crew and possible issues that may arise with the docks. Vote taken on the motion; Peter Magnant, yes, 4-no, motion denied. The board is uncomfortable with our highway crew installing/removing the docks. Kyle will check with other towns on who is responsible for their VT F&G docks. Propose the state installs in the spring, we will remove in the fall. Tabled until January meeting for more discussion.

Park & Ride/Municipal lot:

Scott advised the lawyers will address a settlement for the damages with Franklin Telephone. All members will review the list of negotiation items proposed by FTC to further discuss in January.

Town Clerk's Concerns:

Dogs: Melissa Greeno has replied by letter requesting the dates and times that the animal control officer visited her residence. She advised he did not visit, just phoned and spoke with them about licensing the dogs. She will not pay the fee until more information is provided.

Select board meeting on December 30, 2011 to approve year end bills.
Next regular Select board meeting will be January 9, 2012.

Scott/Kyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 5-0 All members voted in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk
December 27, 2011

These minutes are not official until approved at the Select board's next regular meeting. Minutes approved at January 9, 2012 meeting.