

**MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2011
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

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

Guests Present: Heidi Britch-Valenta, Howard Vansette, Chelsea Gagne, Mike Lawyer, Patrick Allain, Tim Magnant, school board member, Kim Gates-Maynard, Marshall & Colette Ploof, Robert Irish

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

Watershed Committee:

Heidi handed out meeting notices to the board of the February 26, agricultural workshop. Also gave the town clerk a narrative outline for the Dewing Shore stabilization grant ANR permit needed.

Square Road:

Discussion on the board's proposal to change a portion of the road to a one-way street. Ordinance reviewed for such matter. Kim Gates Maynard advised that she originally worked on the grant, the study, and the engineering for the sidewalk project and there was never discussion on making any part of the street a one-way. School is in session for 179 days a year and there is only excessive traffic for about 30 minutes in the morning and afternoon when school kids are arriving and leaving. The pedestrians are using the sidewalk most of the time. Snow removal has become an issue with the abundance this year; the highway crew will need to remove from curb area to make the area more accessible. The speed limit on the street is 35 mph, may need to be addressed. Traffic needs to slow down and be cautious during high traffic times. Making the street a one-way will increase the speed as drivers will have the assumption that there is no traffic to watch for.

All residents were thanked for their input and exited the meeting.

Scott Choiniere made the motion to accept the ordinance as written for making Square Rd to Hanna Rd a one-way street. No second on the motion, motion died. Ordinance not adopted.

Liquor Control Meeting:

Scott/Lynn made the motion to enter liquor control board meeting at 7:15. The Town Clerk presented the liquor & tobacco licenses for the Franklin General Store and Byam's Quick Stop. Board reviewed and all members were in favor of the licenses. All members signed. Exited liquor control board meeting.

Town Clerk's Concerns:

- Grand List: Town Clerk advised the board needed to sign the grand list after Feb 1 each year to certify that no legal suits were pending against appraisals. As there are not suits; Lynn/Peter K made the motion to sign the grand list, all members voted in favor.
- SWIP Grant: the final expense report has been completed on the solid waste implementation grant for funds. Scott signed the grant upon approval of the board.
- Weed Harvester Grant: The Town Clerk reviewed the 2011 grant application with the board. Peter K/Lynn made the motion to accept the application, all members in favor. Scott signed as Chair.
- Municipal Planning Grant: The Town Clerk advised of the receipt of the grant for the planning commission to update/rewrite the town plan and zoning bylaws. Peter K/Lynn made the motion to accept the grant, all members in favor. Scott signed the acceptance of the grant.
- Bills: Board members reviewed and signed bills.

- Minutes: Jan 6, joint meeting with Highgate/Swanton/Franklin regarding the Highgate arena. Peter Magnant/Scott made the motion to accept the portion of the minutes relating to the arena discussion only. All members in favor, approved.
Jan 10, regular board meeting; Lynn/Peter M made the motion to accept minutes as written. All in favor, approved.
Jan 26, public budget meeting; Lynn/Peter M made the motion to accept minutes as written. All in favor, approved.
- Michelle Guillmette inquired about purchasing the old clerk's computer that was replaced. The board agreed to sell for \$100.
- Website: Looking for board approval to list member's e-mail addresses on the site. Peter M also suggested listing the terms of office for public reference. All members approve.
- Land bid: The board discussed the haying of the town land and authorized the Town Clerk to post a bid request for the March meeting.

Beach:

Lynn spoke with Fish & Wildlife about the lease. They have been in touch with Mr. Meunier to get the lease signed right away. The lease will follow the ownership of the property so would not have to be redone if the town acquires. The beach committee has determined the size and location of the area and signage needed by F&G. The town will get guidance from VLCT on proper signage. LCCA has agreed to pick up the cost of the title/deed work which will be about \$1500. A consideration to the town taking over the land is that at any time it could be closed off/fenced from public use by the private property owners.

Old Business:

- Sand Shed: Discussed the location and the quoted loan rates which the Town Clerk has received. All four banks quoted a fixed rate of 3% for a 5 year loan.
- Ordinance prohibiting open burning. Tabled until later date.

Selectboard Folder:

- J & B International letter about acquiring the state contract for trucks.
- VLCT training workshop information
- Beach committee minutes
- VLCT info on loss control relating to the beach issue discussed with Town Clerk.
- Parking on Rte. 120/Main St being reviewed by VTrans.

Member Concerns:

- The Town Hall has had some issues with power and blowing lights bulbs in the basement. The board agreed to have Gerard Tremblay look at the situation.
- Need to look at options for removing snow from the sidewalk and curb edges to completely clear the streets. School tractor size discussed or an attachment on the loader bucket to plow the snow without damaging the curb. Peter K will speak with the highway crew.
- Discussion of the highway crew duties and responsibilities. Need to make a plan for the years' work.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Lynn/Scott. All in favor, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk
February 16, 2011

These minutes are not official until approved at the Selectboard's next regular meeting on March 14, 2011. Approved March 14, 2011.