

**MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD
MONDAY, JULY 11, 2011
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

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

Guests Present: Heidi Valenta, Katelin from NWRP, Howard Vansette and Roland Lontine, highway crew.

Peter Magnant called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Watershed:

Heidi and Katelin entered the meeting to discuss the beach work proposal. Northwest Regional Planning is applying for a joint grant relating to Eco-system Restoration Programs and requests the support of the select board in conjunction with the Watershed. Heidi can do some of the behind the scenes work but would not be available as the coordinator. The board advised they would need a proposed plan to present to the tax payers. The Eco-system grants have no fund match and communities can receive up to \$75,000. The grant is an implementation grant which would pay for engineering, design and project work. Heidi spoke with an engineer about the project; recommend doing in 2 phases. Design plan and stabilize the road and then make a better public access which is user friendly. Peter Kittell will be the contact for the grant. A pre-proposal is due by July 15, Katelin will complete and forward to Heidi for review. Katelin thanked and exited the meeting.

Heidi reviewed the septic feasibility engineer's agreement from Stones that needs to be signed by the board.

The Better Back Roads grant for Dewing Shore Rd shore stabilization is awaiting a design plan to be done. Susan Warren from State Water Quality will be here next week.

AmeriCorps workers will be available the week of August 15 to scrape and paint the town hall and do some drainage work. Kyle and Peter K will give supervision.

"Friends of Lake Champlain" are working with an engineer on a storm water runoff survey of communities that are contributors to their watershed. Heidi is requesting a letter of support from the Select board by July 15. The board will discuss further.

Highway Crew:

Howard and Ron entered the meeting. Peter K advised he will need their assistance on Tuesday morning to do a design plan on Dewing Shore. Discussed road work that is needed: Barnum Rd has a hole that is pumping out again; Dandurand/Barnum Rd corner needs ditching; Pidgeon Hill Rd ditching from culvert up the hill, remove the old cement culvert. Webster Rd cross culvert on corner a concern. There is much washing down of stones into the road. The inside corner needs some fill and cold patch; the blacktop is breaking up. May need to install posts on the inside of the corner to keep traffic from cutting inside. Morses Line Rd needs some ditch attention before Clark's. Riley Rd ditching; Kennison Rd ditching and culvert. Dewing Shore grant is for \$10,000 plan to use \$5,000 of town funds and in-kind work.

The board discussed the need to coordinate yearly work and projects in advance to make the most efficient use of the highway crew's time. Roads are in good shape.

Highway street and road signs are being stolen from around town; they are costly to replace. If you see any signs around please return them to the highway garage. The clerk's office will contact VTrans about the signs on Rte. 235 that are on the ground and need to be reset.

Town Clerk's Concerns:

- Beach deed work is complete. Fish & Game has been contacted about the lease.
- Town Clock: Peter Magnant will check with the church about the insurance claim for damages by lightning.
- Town Hall painting will be done by AmeriCorps group, need to use oil base paint. Lisa has purchased a handicap parking sign to install on the building at the ramp area.
- Wooden chairs have not sold; lower the price to \$20 on website. John Giroux has shown interest in purchasing all the chairs, Lisa will contact him about. "Thank you" to the Historical Society group for their efforts in cleaning out the basement of the town hall.
- Tax Anticipation Note reviewed; Peter M entertains a motion to accept the note from Peoples United Bank for \$60,000 at 1.6% for 90 days. Peter K/Yvon made a motion to accept and sign the note. 4-0 All voted in favor, motion passed.
- State of Vermont tax table agreement for 2011 grand list and fee of \$231 needs to be signed. Peter K/Yvon made a motion for Peter Magnant to sign. 4-0 All voted in favor, motion passed.

- Financial report reviewed: budget discussed and the gravel line.
- Liquor License request by Elk's Lodge of St. Albans to hold a function at the Lake Carmi State Park on Aug 28. They will be closed at the lodge and move their liquor license for this date. Peter K/Kyle made a motion to accept the temporary license for Aug 28 at the State Park. 4-0 All voted in favor, Peter Magnant signed approval letter.
- Alarm setup: Lisa has checked with St. Albans Central dispatch about direct dialing into their system with the digital alarm. They can and will accept the calls. Lisa will check with Life Safety about the installation. Also request a quote for the town hall to have a system installed.
- Septic feasibility engineer's agreement that Heidi gave to the board for signature was reviewed. Peter K/Yvon made the motion to authorize Peter Magnant to sign the agreement with Stone Environmental for the study. 4-0 All voted in favor and signed.
- Bills: Board members reviewed and signed bills.
- Minutes: May 18, Kyle/Yvon made the motion to accept minutes as written. 4-0 All in favor, approved. June 13 Peter K/Yvon made the motion to accept minutes as written. 4-0 All in favor, approved. June 17 Kyle/Yvon made the motion to accept minutes as written. 4-0 All in favor, approved. June 20 Kyle/Yvon made the motion to accept minutes as written. 4-0 All in favor, approved. July 7 Kyle/Peter K made the motion to accept minutes as written. Discussed the setting of Webster Rd; ok with the board as is. 4-0 All in favor, approved.

Old Business:

- Tri-town committee: Peter Magnant will check with Swanton regarding the MPG; if they are interested and applying for jointly. Franklin will table their decision at this time.
- Zoning issues were discussed; will continue working to enforce the junk ordinance.

New Business:

- Vermont Land Trust has requested a letter of support from the Select board on the application from Ronald & Lynn Paradis. Peter K/Yvon made a motion for Peter Magnant to sign a letter of support relating to above. 4-0 All voted in favor, motion passed.
- Milton Cat yearly generator maintenance agreement reviewed and accepted.
- Cargill salt contract discussed on price of \$63.70/ton delivered and availability. Peter K/Kyle made the motion for Peter Magnant to sign the contract to join the state contract at this time; we are not committed into actually purchasing.

Selectboard Folder:

- VTrans letter approving of the "no parking" zone in front of the town offices on Rte. 120 from hydrant to corner. VTrans will install the signs.
- MVU letter for donations to purchase a new welcome/events sign for the school entrance. Board requests to post to the website.
- LCCA has forwarded a copy of the weed control study to use chemicals on the Eurasian milfoil. They are requesting the support of the select board and town.
- "Friends of Lake Champlain" storm water study – discussed and tabled at this time. The board is not willing to participate.

Member Concerns:

- Yvon is looking for the support of the board in looking into installing cell towers for the town as there is concern with service/safety.
- Weed Harvester operator: concerns that the harvesting hours needed for the grant terms are not being met. The board will do a letter to the new operator about working more hours and Kyle will be in touch with him on July 24 to see if performance has improved.
- Discussion of legislative proposal to redistrict Franklin into two voting districts. Select board not in favor of splitting the town.

Next regular Selectboard meeting is August 8, 2011.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Peter K/Kyle. 4-0 All members voted in favor, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk
July 14, 2011

These minutes are not official until approved at the Select board's next regular meeting. These minutes were approved August 8, 2011.