

**MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD  
MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2012  
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

**Members Present:** Peter Magnant, Yvon Dandurand, Kyle Lothian, Mike Lawyer, Wayne Laroche, Lisa Larivee (Town Clerk/Treasurer)

**Guests:** Mary Viens

Peter Magnant called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

**Public Concerns:**

Mary Viens was welcomed to the meeting. Mrs. Viens has concerns about the culvert that is at the corner of Dewing Shore Rd and Hammond Shore Rd. The culvert is very small and crushed at the ends so the water does not flow through it properly. The water run-off is washing away her camp property and damaging her camp foundation. The board needs to determine if it is in the town right-of-way and the town's responsibility or that of the Dewing's; as land owners. The board will review the ROW width and options available. Mrs. Viens will also speak with Jim Dewing.

**Reorganization:**

- Selectboard Chair: Kyle/Wayne nominate Peter Magnant. No other nominations; all members in favor of Peter for chair.
- Selectboard Vice-Chair: Kyle/Wayne nominate Yvon Dandurand. No other nominations; all members in favor of Yvon for vice-chair.
- Board to set date, time and location of board meetings. Discussed what options work best for members; Yvon/Mike make a motion to hold meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the town clerk's office. All members in favor.
- Franklin Selectboard Rules of Procedures: Peter read the new procedure policy to the members for consideration of adopting. Wayne/Yvon make a motion to adopt the rules of procedures. All members voted in favor. To be posted in the office and on the website.
- Road Commissioner: Kyle nominates Mike-has worked building railroads and working with budgets.  
Yvon nominates Peter Kittell-  
Yvon nominates Brian Barnum-  
Kyle/Mike made a motion to enter executive session at 7:43 p.m. to discuss personal issues. Mike/Wayne make a motion to exit executive session at 7:49 p.m..  
Vote taken on nominations made for Road Commissioner. Mike 4 votes; Peter Kittell 1 vote; Brian Barnum no votes. Mike appointed Road Commissioner. Mike would like to meet with the highway crew as soon as possible.
- Town Service Officer: Wayne nominates Pauline Gadbois; all members vote in favor.
- Animal Control Officer: Kyle/Yvon nominate Dennis Demar; all members vote in favor.
- Tree & Fire Warden: Burt Maynard
- Keeper of Street Lights: Donald Gates
- Keeper of Town Clock: Cliff Bullis
- Emergency Management Coordinator: Justin Rainville
- Regional Planning Commission: Clark Hubbard and Yvon Dandurand
- E911 Coordinator: Sara Rainville
- Planning Commission (P.C.): board discussed the makeup of the P.C. as a nine member board. Peter had floated the idea with the P.C. about reducing the board to seven members. Peter/Wayne made a motion to reduce the planning commission to seven members to be more efficient and better able to make a quorum. Reviewed the resolution for reduction from nine to seven. All members voted in favor of the resolution and signed. Mike nominates Peter Kittell; Kyle nominates Clark Hubbard. Following members were reappointed  
Gerard Tremblay 3 year term expiring 2013; Greg Bouchard 3 year term expiring 2013; Peter Kittell 3 year term expiring 2014; David Lucey 3 year term expiring 2014; Daniel Larivee 3 year term expiring 2015; Brooks Sturtevant 3 year term expiring 2015; Clark Hubbard 4 year term expiring in 2016

Lisa will do letters to all members appointed of the board change.

- Zoning Board of Adjustment: Wayne nominates Lyle Richard for a 3 year term. All members in favor.
- Zoning Administrator: Mike/Wayne nominate Robert Irish; all members in favor.
- Town Hall rental fees and zoning office fees remain the same.

#### **Town Clerk's Concerns:**

- Dewing Shore Stabilization project; the grant has been extended until Sept 2012 to complete the project. An Army Corp of Engineer permit must be acquired to complete the work in the lake. Lisa has done and reviewed with the board. All members in favor, Peter signed.
- MOA/Energy Efficiency grant for the office/library building is being worked on by Northwest Regional Planning. The grant date and terms have been adjusted/extended and must be approved by the board and signed. All in favor and signed.
- Minutes: Feb 13-Kyle/Yvon made a motion to approve; add highway #207 to the Highgate bridge work being done on. 3 yes, Wayne & Mike abstain, motion passed; March 6-Kyle/Yvon made a motion to approve; 3 yes, Wayne & Mike abstain, motion passed. Town Meeting minutes-Wayne/Kyle made a motion to approve. All voted in favor, motion passed.
- Sign bills/warrants and review financial statements. All signed by board members.

#### **Old Business:**

- Dog complaint: follow up with the board on the Russin/Gratton dog issue. Issue resolved and Mrs. Russin was advised that the dog must remain on her property at all times or will be picked up.

#### **New Business:**

- Beach policy: copy given to all members for review and tabled adoption until April meeting. Culverts and stones along beach discussed, erosion concerns.
- Town hall policy and user agreement reviewed and tabled until April to be updated if need. Lisa authorized to approve use of the town hall at her discretion. Lisa will type amended agreement/policy up for April meeting approval.
- Driveway permit: C. McCurly has submitted a driveway permit for three cuts, two on Browns Corner Rd and one on Beaver Meadow. Board discussed the requirements and wishes to visit the site before approving.
- Town Plan: The members were given the draft town plan from the Planning Commission for review. Board meeting on Tuesday, March 20 @ 7:00 p.m. town clerk's office to discuss changes. Public hearing date will be set at this time.
- Hay Bid request reviewed by board for posting to website, around town, County Courier and St. Albans Messenger.

#### **Selectboard folder:**

- Wastewater study committee meeting notice for March 15 @ 7:00 p.m.; post for select board meeting as well as members will be attending.
- VLCT new officer appointments sheet for update.
- Franklin Telephone letter of intent to resolve the legal issues. Reviewed the past issues to bring new members up to date. ROW necessity for town business would only be considered as a last resort. The board would like to invite FTC to a meeting to review options.
- Enosburg Ambulance budget information.
- Select board institute information. Peter & Yvon attending, Mike & Wayne will advise.
- VTrans class 2 paving grant reviewed for work on Morses Line Rd. Mike would like to speak with Jim Cota/VTrans about suggestions of engineering on Morses Line Rd. VTrans line stripping to be done this summer; request update on work before lines done. Put paving grant on agenda for March 20<sup>th</sup>. Lisa will speak with J. Cota about signs as part of grant.

**Members Concerns:**

- Mike would like to see a policy on highway purchasing. Invite the highway crew to the next meeting in April.
- E-mails to the board should be used for informational purposes only. No decision can be made by e-mail correspondence.
- Kyle concerned with the Morses Line Border crossing access after-hours for fire support. St. Armand made a call for mutual aid and the fire dept. could not cross the border; had to travel through Highgate. Doubled the travel time. Yvon advised there is an emergency button on the gate for this purpose.
- Stop signs at intersection of Browns Corner/Barnum/Durkee Rd. Need to amend the stop sign ordinance to include all roads. Law enforcement has been watching the traffic and giving warnings to vehicles in violation. Need to cut trees back as they block vision of oncoming traffic.
- Yvon has concerns with the Mac truck. The oil pan has been changed many times and feels this should not occur so frequently; maintenance and care of equipment must be a bigger priority. Need to shop around for municipal pricing on items purchased.
- Peter asked for Yvon to continue with the work on the prayer issue as Peter feels he has a conflict of interest with his brother being involved.
- Minutes may be posted on web-site within 5 days of meeting as "draft".
- Minutes should be approved as first order of business on agenda.
- Agenda to include a 5 minute public comment period at beginning.
- Mike and Peter will meet with the highway crew on Thursday morning, March 15.
- Tri-town meeting is March 15 at 6:30 p.m. in Highgate.

Kyle/Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 5-0 All members voted in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk  
March 19, 2012

***These minutes are not official until approved at the Select board's next regular meeting. Approved at the April 10, 2012 Select board meeting.***