

**MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD
TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2012
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

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

Peter Magnant called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Town Plan Review:

Peter extends a "Thank you" to the Planning Commission and Northwest Regional Planning Commission for all their work to update the town plan and passing it along to the selectboard for review.

- Pg 6-line 21 change; maintaining a "healthy" environment.
- Pg 6-line 25, 7A add; law enforcement "as needed".
- Pg 7-line 6A remove; "from unnecessary despoliation".
- Pg 7-line 6C add; citizens "appointed by the select board" to examine. Invite Polly as a member of the land committee to come to a meeting to update board.
- Pg 8-line 14, 10D remove entire line.
- Pg 8-line 16, 10F change; "Encourage training of all town highway employees and officials relevant to their duties and positions."
- Pg 11 line 18, 12L add/change; Buffer strips should be encouraged "where necessary to minimize adverse effects on the eco-system."
- Pg 12, 12R change; "Encourage buffer strips to prevent the harmful effects of development for these areas."
- Pg 13, 12S change; "Discourage the drainage or filling of wetland unless in accordance with the Vermont Wetlands Regulations."
- Pg 13, 12T change; "Develop flood hazard areas in accordance with flood hazard area maps."
- Pg 13, 12U change; "Discourage public investment of resources that would lead to development in fragile and unique areas".
- Pg 13, 13F; add period at end of sentence.
- Pg 28, line 34 change/remove/add; "sunflowers," "apples and grapes".
- Pg 29, line 18 add paragraph; title "Border Crossing" "The Town of Franklin has the oldest Customs and Border Protection (CBP) owned land port of entry (LPOE) in the country built in 1934. This LPOE has provided the Town of Franklin local commerce, cultural, social heritage and mutual aid for our safety with Canada. The town of Franklin's tourism has benefited from the Morses Line LPOE by providing easier access from Canada to Lake Carmi's camps and state park as well as local businesses.
- Pg 32, line 2 remove; The "original" town garage...
 - Line 3&4 remove; "The sand pile and salt shed have been moved to the new Town land formerly owned by Richard and Hazel Westcott".
 - Line 21 change; and "exercise" classes at the Town Hall.
 - Line 22 change; trail "has been recently added" remove " ," after property.
 - Line 24 change; Open land near the village area has been purchased by the Town and may have "potential uses." "In 2010 Franklin, Highgate and Swanton formed a Tri-town Recreational Committee that is working to develop a joint recreational and ice arena for the area".
- Pg 32, line 33-35 remove; "In addition, there is the issue of ancient roads that has not been addressed by the selectboard to date."
- Pg 33, line 2-4 remove; "except for a portion used for salt, sand..." to the end of paragraph.
- Pg 35, line 8-9 remove; "and the Franklin County Sheriff's Department."
- Pg 35, line 20 add; local rating is a six). "To improve this rating the Town of Franklin would have to acquire a second pumper to add to its current fleet."
- Pg 35, line 24-25 change; management director, "which is appointed by the Selectboard."
- Pg 35, line 30 add back deleted lines; "The Fire Department and First Response are not currently seeking an alternative location. However, space is limited and a cargo container has been purchased to house non-emergency equipment and/or supplies allowing more room for meetings, training and storage of necessary equipment and/or supplies. "
- Pg 38, line 14 add period at end of sentence.
- Pg 38, line 25-26 remove; "4) potential sites for potable water.....". to end of sentence.

- Pg 38, line 40 add period at end of sentence.
- Pg 40, line 12 talks about map 9.1, no map enclosed.
- Pg 41, line 8-12 remove entire text.
- Pg 44, line 23 add; just north of the border “at Morses Line”.
- Pg 46 add page number at bottom
- Pg 47, line 5 change; These centers “offer” a wide range.
- Pg 55, map 12.6 add; “Franklin bog” and “Spruce bog” labels. Information may be found on the ANR website.
- Pg 64, line 34 change; “Maintain and update a road policy”.
- Pg 64, line 35 remove entire line “conduct a sand and gravel”.
- Pg 64, line 38 change; “Investigate and explore a Village wastewater treatment facility.”
- Pg 64, line 39 change; “Continue to enhance and protect the natural resource value of Lake Carmi.”
- Pg 64, line 40 change; “Investigate” Village Designation...

Peter would like NWRP to accept the Planning Commission changes and make the selectboard changes to be tracked and return a draft copy to the board. April 24th @ 7:00 in the School library will be the second public hearing for the Town Plan.

Town Clerk’s Concerns:

- Class 2 paving grant: Lisa has spoken with Jim Cota at District 8 and Franklin is not eligible for the grant this year; still submit so the state sees the needs in towns.
- Structures grant program: Jim Cota advised we are eligible for this grant and recommends we apply for the maximum amount of \$175,000 for replacement of the bridge on Dewing Shore Rd at the outlet. Mike/Wayne made the motion to authorize Lisa (Town Clerk) to sign the grants for the Class 2 Paving and Structures program. 5-0 All members voted in favor, motion passed. Wayne has contacts with Vermont fisheries/engineers that would be available to assist in the design process. The new bridge/culvert would aid to control the level of the lake at the Millpond dam.
- VTrans financial highway report and bridge standards were reviewed and signed by the board.
- Hay bids; would cost \$10.55 to post in Messenger, board advises not to post there. Question of doing a 3 year lease for next year to allow for fertilizer investment/application by leasee.
- Tri-town posting to Messenger cost \$11.50 per day. Board advises not to post. Have 2 people interested.

Old Business:

- McCurly driveway permit: Two board members visited the site with the highway foreman. Beaver Meadow Rd must have ditching and culvert work before a driveway can be installed to maintain the road from washing. The two driveways on Browns Corner Rd the board would like to see combined into one cut for safety. Board will invite Bud to the April 10 meeting to discuss the issues.
- Mary Viens culvert: Yvon and Wayne visited the site on Dewing/Hammond Rds. The culvert is crushed and needs to be cleaned out, as a short term fix. The larger culvert up the hill on Dewing Rd is also part of the problem. Invite Mrs. Viens to April 10 meeting, place on agenda further discussion of culvert work needed.

New Business:

- Watershed grant: There are shoreline stabilization grants available that the watershed committee would like to apply for to do work on the north end beach. The selectboard needs to be the signer of the grant. Kyle will bring ideas from the beach committee and Watershed committee meeting for the board to look at.

Members Concerns:

- Yvon advised Karen Marshall regarding cell towers is planning to attend the April meeting.
- Invite the highway crew to the April meeting to set goals for 2012.
- Mike is working with the highway crew on plans for needed work and a way to communicate on a regular basis. Yvon advised Dandurand Rd had a large washed out section of a culvert. It appears that the hole was filled but is concerned with the culvert not functioning properly now.

- Peter received settlement information on the FTC issue, reviewed with members.

Kyle/Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 5-0 All members voted in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk
March 22, 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.