

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

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

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

Town Clerk's Concerns:

- Dogs: Melissa Greeno on Main St has been sent a letter on Nov 1st regarding licensing her dog(s). This dog has been reported to have bitten a neighbor and continues to threaten others. The dog(s) have not been registered to date. Scott/Kyle made the motion to have Animal Control pick up the large mixed breed dog and kennel until licensed. All fees will need to be paid to redeem the dog. All in favor, motion passed 5-0.
Donna Sartwell dog(s) has been causing other property destruction again. Lisa has been asked to do a letter of dog(s) being loose and the destruction, second time. Will be picked up and destroyed is not confined.
- Fire Alarm: Lisa discussed the details of the alarm set up and pros/cons. Yvon asked if there would be an insurance premium reduction if there was an alarm. Lisa will check with VLCT. Tabled until next meeting
- Dewing Shore project has been put on hold for this fall. The state permit has not been received yet. The Better Back Road grant funds have been extended to next summer. It will be determined next spring when it will be completed. The plans and trees need to be reviewed further with the state.
- Errors & Omissions: Reviewed the changes made by the listers after lodging the grand list. Peter M/Peter K made the motion to accept the changes. All in favor, motion passed 5-0.
- Financial Reports were reviewed. Year-end budget/expenses discussed.
- Minutes: October 10, 2011 minutes reviewed, Peter M/Scott made the motion to accept as written. All in favor, motion passed 5-0. October 15, 2011 minutes reviewed, Peter M/Kyle made the motion to accept as written. All in favor, motion passed 5-0.
- Bills reviewed and signed.

Old Business:

- Weed Control: The application of herbicides was discussed; additional information has been received from Fish & Wildlife. The board is not for this application of weed control since looking into further.
- The Shoreline/Beach grant that was applied for by the Watershed in the amount of \$75,000 has been denied funding by the state.
- Docks: Reviewed the advice of the town attorney and discussed the details of leasing docks to the two current owners of docks. The board will visit the sight to determine the area which will be allowed to lease and place the docks. Lisa will invite the two parties to the Dec 12 meeting at 8:00 pm to discuss the requirements for their docks.

- Boat launch lease with F & G: Mike at F& G met with Peter M and Peter K regarding the details of the lease; F&G will lease from the west end of our property to the first camp on the north side of Lake Rd. They will commit to installing a dock system and will maintain, would like the town to store in the winter months. F & G will discuss with VTrans the widening of the north side of Rte. 120 to allow more parking and make it safer as well. The town advised on special occasions, July 4th and others as necessary that the area will be closed to all traffic. Lisa will check with Mike for the completed lease.
- Fournier culvert: Mr. Fournier is still concerned with the water in his field that he feels is coming from the road run-off. The highway dept. will clean the area culverts of debris. Peter K will speak with Howard about the culvert energy disperser work getting done.
- Crosswalks have been painted on Square Rd.
- Septic meeting: On Nov 3rd a village septic study meeting was held for the residents to discuss where the study results stood. Reviewed key problem areas in the village and suggestions of possible fixes.
- Town Hall: The new door has been ordered and should be here the first week of Dec. Kyle is working on getting volunteer labor to install it. The front railing will be approx. \$400 plus installation as there are specific requirements that are needed for safety. The board will include this cost in the 2012 budget.
- Park & Ride: Kyle and Yvon met with Kim of Franklin Telephone recently to discuss the pending lawsuits and to find a solution to resolve these issues. Franklin Telephone wants the following:
 - A \$25,000 settlement is requested for the water damages to the dial office.
 - A change of use permit from Ag land to municipal for the sand pile
 - A change of use permit for the municipal parking lot where sand pile once was.
 - Hire an engineer to engineer a design to solve the issues with the highway dept. property.

Kim states the water issue at the Franklin Telephone property started after the old garage building burnt and was removed. Kyle states that we are providing the Homestead – a private business – with additional free parking that has created nothing but a problem for the town. We could lease the parking area to the Homestead but they are not interested as they can use the area now. Discussed the tax breaks that were given to the Homestead by the town for the first several years of operation.

One suggestion from Kyle is to install a 6 foot chain link fence around the entire garage location for safety and security of town property. Move the sand pile/future shed to the paved area discontinuing the parking area. Could ditch around the property line to contain the water run-off and install a rain garden. Discussed taking over Homestead Drive to be a public town road. Board is required to hold a necessity hearing for the road acquisition. The state would assess the value of all owners of the drive. A professional survey is needed as well.

- Morses Line Border Crossing: Yvon states that there is much support for keeping the border open from state and federal representatives and concerned citizens. Advise to

encourage everyone to do a letter or on-line comment to BCP. Asked for the ok of the board to put a 4 x 8 sign regarding the comment period the town hall lawn. Board ok with.

New Business:

- Health Insurance plans were reviewed as there are many changes with VLCT for 2012. Three plans were discussed and looked at. Kyle/Yvon made the motion for Lisa to choose the MVP plan or the BCBS plan which Scott has given information about. Lisa will check the BCBS plan out further and use her best judgment. All in favor, motion passed 5-0.
- Uniform contract: We currently have Foley for our highway crew uniforms. The contract expires this November. Foley does not rent the reflective clothing that we will be mandated to wear. Lisa has gotten a quote from G&K and will also get a quote from Unifirst. Peter M/Kyle made the motion for Lisa to choose the less expensive plan between G&K or Unifirst which will supply the reflective wear. All in favor, motion passed 5-0.
- Energy Efficiency Grant: NWRP has drafted the invitation to bid for the Energy Efficiency grant for the town office to improve insulation in the attic and other air sealing jobs. Board reviewed the scope of work and time line. Scott/Peter K made the motion to approve/accept the invitation to bid. All in favor, motion passed 5-0.

Selectboard Folder:

- Prayer lawsuit information.
- VT trails and greenways group looking for memberships and donations.

Member Concerns:

- The town clock has had the slate replaced and been painted from the damage sustained from the lightning strike.
- Tri-town municipal grant has not received a decision yet, expected by mid-December.
- There are leaves built up against the sidewalk curb around Square Rd that should be removed. Also the storm drains need to be cleared of fall debris.
- Dandurand Road grading was not done well and is very rough. This should be remedied before winter hits as it will be rough on vehicles.
- Town Shop needs to be cleaned up around the property. There is much trash, old metal, and junk that is hanging around. Grass trimming should be done. Empty chloride from trailer. Clean up!

Next regular Selectboard meeting is December 12, 2011.

Scott/Kyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 5-0 All members voted in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk
November 15, 2011

These minutes are not official until approved at the Select board's next regular meeting. Minutes were approved December 12, 2011.