

**MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2015 @ 7:00 P.M.
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

Members Present: Peter Magnant, Yvon Dandurand, Ed Rainville, Brooks Sturtevant, Andy Godin and Sara Rainville, Asst. Town Clerk.

Guests: Howard Vansette, Polly Gadbois, Kyle Lothian, Robert Irish

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

Agenda amendments: add Tom Townley dog issue under old business. All members voted to accept the agenda amendments.

Public Comments: none

Minutes: Minutes of March 11, regular meeting; Yvon Dandurand/Ed Rainville made a motion to accept the minutes as written; three approve, Andy and Brooks abstain, motion passed.

Highway Department: Hot water heater: Howard advises the tank has a small leak, it is currently a 30 gal tank, he has been shutting it off at night and weekends. The board approved spending no more \$250 for a new tank, Howard will install; if cost is more come back to the April 15th meeting to discuss.

Brooks will speak with Marshall about the water lines.

VTrans paving grant was reviewed for the Morses Line Rd work. The annual financial plan and road standards were reviewed. All members in favor of documents and signed.

Road updates: Yvon states Dandurand Road is in great condition so far, for two years in a row. Pete states that Browns Corner Road sealing needs to be looked at, it is opening up. Yvon advised there is a rough spot in front of the Pierce farm on Morses Line Road. Howard states he has been patching pot holes around town. Andy discussed the Morses Line Rd/Rte. 120 intersection.

Job applications: 13 applications were received for the highway position. They were reviewed and narrowed down. Yvon requested getting driving record history for the interviews and have the candidate sign them at the interview. Ed, Andy and Howard will review the chosen applicants and narrow down to three to interview on Monday, April 6th at 5:30, 5:45 and 6:00. Andy will notify applicants of interview, Ed will do minutes.

Old Business:

- **Traffic Ordinance and speed limit review:** Pete suggested adding to the ordinance/policy a speed of 35 mph for Dandurand, Durkee, and Barnum Roads; discussion had. Yvon Dandurand/Brooks Sturtevant made a motion to post Durkee and Dandurand Roads at 35 mph. Andy, Yvon, Brooks voted in favor; Pete did not vote, Ed was opposed. Motion passed, ordinance was updated and signed. Will be posted as required. Howard was thanked and exited the meeting.
- **Weed Harvester grant:** Kyle Lothian and Polly Gadbois entered the meeting at 7:50. Pete welcomed Polly and Kyle. Polly discussed the plans and pictures were reviewed.
 - 5 year warranty on a gas engine vs diesel engine; diesel engine will be removed.
 - Stainless steel conveyer belt removed; order galvanized chain
 - Power wheel paddle position removed; order with manual positioning
 - Removed work lights.
 - Any of these items can be added after the fact even years later.

Order with:

- lockable tool box at no charge
- Flights on harvesting head
- Spare parts package
- Auto lubricating system
- Rear tail gate at no charge

Polly advised Art St. Onge will donate a crane to off-load the equipment when it arrives.

Polly spoke with the State Park Manager, will do a site visit at the park to check possible dump locations. The manufacturer of the harvesters only make two models, currently 12 are being built the same size as we have currently. If the order is submitted by April 15 they will

guarantee delivery by mid-June. Yvon spoke of the air cooled gas engine vs. a diesel liquid cooled engine. LCCA would like to work with the operators and scheduling for more efficient operation. Kyle Lothian and Peter Kittell will each commit to 150 hours of operation on a contract basis with their own certificates of insurance to save costs on the FICA expense. Pete discussed the cost to operate. Kyle volunteered to help clean up the machine in the fall before putting it away; the weather determines the schedule of harvesting sometimes. Yvon has concerns with two rigs going at the same time. Kyle asks if it will be cost effective. Polly and Kyle were thanked for attending and exited the meeting.

- **Dog** - Tom Townley dog issue discussed. FNWSU Superintendent, Winton, has asked Mr. Townley to keep the dog off school grounds during school hours and events. Joyce advises that Winton is pursuing further action as the dog continues to be on school grounds. Yvon will contact Winton for an update and how enforcement will be handled.
- A joint meeting for April 15 at 6:15 at the school has been warned with the Selectboard and Schoolboard to discuss lawn mowing equipment bids. Schoolboard minutes discussed from the last joint meeting with the Selectboard in March 2015.

New Business:

- Reviewed Planning Commission changes: Reviewed the March 17th letter to the selectboard from the planning commission about development regulations and Shoreland protection updates. Robert gave his thoughts on the planning commissions changes. Town Clerk will warn a meeting for the selectboard to meet with the planning commission on April 21st to discuss changes.
- Robert discussed the Zoning Board of Adjustment hearing for April 6th for Jen Carey's barn requesting conditional use.
- Robert updated the board on the Abbott camp complaint on Hill Rd and its seasonal use. It is not in the Shoreland protection area; is in the rural/agricultural area.
- Personnel Policy review: Pete advised the attorney has been sent the updated policy for review, will get back to the selectboard before the April 15th meeting.
- Town land lease: Pete read the lease to David & Ardith Woods of the 25 acres of hay land for \$2,000 due May 1st. This is the last year of the three year lease. Brooks Sturtevant/Yvon Dandurand made a motion to approve the lease for the remaining year on the 25 acres of hay land. All members voted in favor, Pete signed the lease.
- Franklin Watershed (FWC) membership: Pete attended the last FWC meeting, the bylaws look for additional town board members to be on the FWC board. Yvon Dandurand/Brooks Sturtevant nominated Daniel Larivee from the Planning Commission and Ed Rainville from the Selectboard to the FWC board. 4 in favor, 1 abstain. Town Clerk will do a letter to Bruce Bushey, cc: Alisha Sawyer, with recommendations to the board.

Selectboard folder:

- Road side mowing: Joey Bishop has inquired about work. Contracting out the road side mowing was discussed; renting a tractor for two weeks to mow was discussed; a tractor for weed harvester being donated for the summer was discussed.
- NRPC appointments were reviewed. Pete advised there is a vacancy for a regional planning member and a regional energy committee member from Franklin. All in favor of appointments, Pete signed.
- Morses Line Road sign: Yvon will invite Chad Bouchard to attend the next board meeting.
- Bike tour information
- Priscilla Abbott camp complaint information
- Town of Highgate thank you letter for supporting the arena project.

Weed Harvester grant: Yvon discussed the \$10k contribution from LCCA.

Sara Rainville discussed the pay sheets and schedule of operators.

Ed discussed the value of current machine; discussed running two machines. Pete recaps the approval of purchasing the new weed harvester; only running one machine this year. The board is still exploring options on the new machine. Yvon will contact Aquamarine to see what the trade value is on the 1985 current machine. Pete states we will run the old machine until the new one is here in June. Potential operators: Delbert and Andrew Cook; Brooks Sturtevant, Kyle Lothian and Peter Kittell. We will discuss the machine again to finalize options at the April 15th meeting; discussed options added/deleted, tool box and gate.

Member Concerns:

- Andy advised that Lucien Laroche has rescinded his town hall roof bid. Discussed the plow at Lucien Laroche's – scrap, give a price. Asked about the work on the trucks and snow blowing.
- Ed discussed the town hall electrical needing to be updated and safe.
- Yvon asked about the Zoning Board of Adjustment vacancy candidate; he will make a call for a candidate to attend the April 15th meeting. Discussed the Rte. 120/Morses Line intersection. Waste consolidation with the new composting law. Encourage the new highway employee to attend as much training as possible.
- Pete discussed the state water quality bill - more permitting fees for municipalities to handle, burden on small towns.
- Yvon visited Montpelier last week regarding bill H268-Franklin Water Dist. Charter. Passed house, then two more house votes before goes to Senate. He spoke with Chuck Pearce regarding school consolidation and combining school boards. Public meeting on April 13th at 7:00 with Selectboard and Schoolboard. Reps Steve Beyor and Chuck Pearce and Sen Norm McAllister and Dustin Degree have been invited.

Next regular meeting will be April 15 at 7:00 pm.

Ed Rainville/Brooks Sturtevant made the motion to adjourn the meeting. All members voted in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sara Rainville, Asst. Town Clerk
April 2, 2015

These minutes are not official until approved at the Select board's next regular meeting.
Minutes were approved at the April 15, 2015 meeting.