

**MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD
TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2012
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

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

Guests: Dick Benton, Larry Myott, Peter Benevento, Ruth Ann Kryesky,

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

Public comments: Dick Benton was present regarding the camp/septic issues that have been proposed in the Development Regulations and wanted to present information to the board regarding his property. He bought his camp in 1972 and was there before the zoning regulations. They have a composite toilet and holding tank, and a water purifier system. Would like to get his property grandfathered to be allowed to stay year round in his home. He wanted to address the issued before the new regulations go into effect. The board is willing to work with residents for the best interest of everyone. Mr. Benton thanked and exited the meeting.

Minutes: Minutes of July 10 regular meeting and July 24 executive session and July 26 public hearing on development regulations. Wayne/Yvon made the motion to approve all of the listed minutes as written and read. No comments. All members voted in favor 4-0, Kyle abstained, motion passed.

Bills/Financial statement:

Bills were reviewed and signed.

Homestead sidewalk/bridge: is owned by the Homestead with a 20 ft. ROW to Rte. 120. The bridge was installed by the Homestead and Hugh Gates. They will take care of replacing/repairing the bridge.

Land Committee: Polly has advised the board that she will get together with the committee to continue to work on the proposed plans ideas for the future use of the town land. She plans a meeting for September 13. The ROW may be an issue and will need to be looked at for the future. Cross Engineering has been doing the study of the water runoff and sand shed. Lisa will call Cross to see where they are at with plans or reports.

LCCA: Peter Benevento introduced himself and wanted to meet with board regarding the activities of the association. Regarding weed control with use of herbicides and has spoken with Ann Bove; she believes this is the most effective method of control. Middlebury College was raising weevils that have been used in Fairfield Pond. N. Hero has a new harvester and report that it works very well. St. Albans Bay also has a newer harvester. LCCA would like to get together with these towns to discuss their methods with the select board to work on improving the control of weeds. The board is willing to work with the LCCA for best results. Need to assess the real problem to resolve a tangible benefit to everyone. Herbicides used in control along the shoreline to solve these problem areas maybe an option. Dick Benton had taken pics of blue algae at the outlet to Millpond and sent to the state. The state tested the water and did confirm blue/green algae. Check with state park on their results of testing and toxicity as well. Speak with Health Officer regarding testing the town beach also for toxicity. LCCA thanked and exited the meeting.

Town Clerk's Concerns:

- **Weed harvester** grant application for \$2600 and first payment request needs to be signed by Pete. All approved and it was signed.
- **Village Designation** map discussed and reviewed the desired boundaries for the designation. Lisa needs to do photographs of the village.
- **Dumpster** will return for the month of September. Put signs up "no tires" and lock the trailer so stuff is not stolen from it.
- **Generator** at school discussed. Dana Stetson willing to do the maintenance work on the equipment but will not be certified; cost is significant and does not want to get certified. Ok with board.
- **Dewing Bridge bid:** Reviewed the bids for the engineer design on the Dewing Rd Bridge to be replaced. Wayne rated with price and sample designs and Ruggiano has been chosen for the best price and comparable projects. Yvon/Wayne made a motion to accept Ruggiano's bid. All members voted in favor, 5-0. Motion passed.

Old Business:

- **Tri-town committee:** Pete has received an e-mail from Kim regarding the three boards getting together with Jim Barlow to hash out the details of ownership. As a municipality vs. a contract group what would run the facility.
- **Dewing Shore stabilization:** Kyle has been working on the details of the work to be done with the state and locating the rocks needed and a price.
- **Development Regs:** The select board is meeting with the planning commission and the ZBA at the Aug 21 meeting to review the proposed regulations and discuss the results wanted by all. The original thought was to have a cleaner lake also a concern with extra children entering the school system. Safety on the private roads by all is also a concern.

New Business:

- **ZBA Resignation:** The board accepted the resignation of Lucille Rainville from the ZBA. Need to post the position on the website and in town.
- **Dog Ordinance:** tabled for review of updates given to the board.
- **Personal Policy:** reviewed the changes as made at the July meeting. Changed the vacation time to be 5-15 years 3 weeks, over 15 years for 4 weeks. Kyle/Yvon made a motion to accept with changes as discussed. All in favor, 5-0. Motion passed.

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- Nancy & Les Johnson has sent a letter to the board and ZBA regarding their request for year round designation. The ZBA would not approve until the septic was proven to accommodate year round use. The Johnsons have been told that the septic has failed and have received a state approved plan. The ZBA will make decisions once installed.
- **Salt purchase:** S. Choiniere has asked to purchase about 500 pounds of salt for personal use. The board approved and will charge the price we pay; unless there becomes a shortage of salt later in the season.
- **Stone Environmental final report:** Amy from Stone would like to meet with the board to discuss the final report and options of the wastewater feasibility study.
- **Transportation Enhancement grant:** the state replied to the grant that was sent for sidewalks on Main St. The program has changed with legislature and will be reviewed in the future for eligibility.

Members Concerns:

- Scott Road issues are still arising. The confined corner is causing safety concerns for the large tractors around the corner. The board would like to look at the original road layout with surveys or other documentation available. The town has done due diligence to make the corner safer.
- Webster Road maintenance needs to be addressed as it is very washed out. Must be maintained due to the water reservoir.
- The large elm tree at the top of the hill on Riley Rd is dead and needs to be cut down. Lisa will call Walter Elwood to get permission to cut the tree as it is out of the ROW.
- Highway crew discussion on issues not being taken care of. The culvert on Morses Line Rd should have been addressed before paving.
- Catherine Demetrik with NWRP should be invited to the Planning Commission meeting on the 21st. NWRP will assist with any issues the town needs assistance with. Look at the benefits of zoning in town.

Kyle/Wayne made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All members voted in favor 5-0, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk
August 17, 2012

These minutes are not official until approved at the Select board's next regular meeting.

Minutes were approved September 11, 2012