

FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD MEETING, August 3, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m. Town Clerk's Office

Members Present: Peter Magnant, Brooks Sturtevant, Yvon Dandurand, Sandi Murphy (minute taker).
Absent: Andy Godin, Ed Rainville

Guests: Corey Bertrand, Peter Benevento, Howard Vanselette and Brian Barnum

Peter Magnant called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
Agenda Amendments: Under Article #6 cross off Approve the tax rate and add Jenny's Wedding Barn catering Permits. Under Article #8 remove Junk Ordinance/Burning.

Public Comment:

Corey Bertrand wants to change the name of Triplet Drive to Bertrand Hill. This is a private drive off of Route 120. Corey B made his request and explained why this is important to him. Dan Larivee abuts this drive, also.

Approve minutes:

Brooks S/ Yvon D made a motion to accept the July 6, 2016 minutes as presented. Vote taken and the motion carried with all in favor.

Peter M/Yvon D made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 21, 2016 meeting. Vote taken and the motion carried with all in favor.

LCCA- Peter Benevento

- Peter B spent the day in Montpelier attending the State of Vermont Traffic Meeting where Rte. 120 was discussed concerning extending the 35m.p.h. zone for eastbound traffic 0.1 miles. The committee agreed to make the change. Peter B advocated for the Selectboard's position regarding extending the 35 mph limit to the Dewing Rd for the summer season; the State did not approve of this change. There was discussion on placing a m.p.h. Flashing sign in that area. The SB will look into this.
- Peter B asked for an update on the Weed Harvester. Yvon D said they just started the conversation today. The engine is working fine, but it may be too small for the job or there is some other problem. It may not be the hydraulics. Yvon D said Craig from Aqua Marine has never seen the harvester run.
- Peter B brought up the new box culvert at the north end has about 2-4 times the capacity of water flow. It may need to be dredged sometime in the future.

Highway Department

- The culvert at B. Barnum's driveway may need to be replaced. Howard V said they will dig it up and reset it if possible.
- Roger Corey asked for guard rails to be installed at Brown's Corner to protect his mailbox. Howard V. And the SB suggested he move his mailbox. Howard V will talk to Jim Cota at VTRANS to see if he has a solution.
- Culvert updates - there is a letter from the State of VT VTRANS concerning the culvert work on Towle Neighborhood Rd done by Dan Larivee. This culvert needs to be reset and raised to the original position. The town crew will do the work and Dan Larivee will cover the costs.
- Jim Smith from VTRANS has sent the necessary information and Lisa is drafting the Request for Proposals on the Morses Line road project. The town is reserving the right to refuse any and all bids. Howard V has the Stream Alteration Permit from Chris Brunell in hand. Bids are due 8/15/2016.
- Traffic Ordinance amendments - Towle Neighborhood Road; this will be tabled for now and be discussed next month.

Loader Quotes

- There are two quotes presented by Yvon D. One is for a Case loader and the other is for a John Deere loader. Please refer to the quote packages for specific details. Overall, it appears the John Deere is less expensive. Yvon D talked about loader vs backhoe pros and cons. It appears a loader is what the town needs.
- Misc. discussion: Some trees on Main Street have been taken down. Howard V will mark the tree by the monument. Peter wants to make sure everything is all set for the upcoming paving. Howard V mentioned that he got a load of topsoil and has been sprucing up any bare areas.

Town Clerk Concerns

- Franklin Recreation Department – The Town Clerk and Bridgett Thompson are working on Bylaws. This will be taken up at the next meeting.
- Jennifer's Wedding Barn - Catering Permits are being signed by Lisa as needed. Four have been presented and approved.

Review and Sign Bills

The folder was passed around to each member for review and sign off.

Old Business

Weed Harvester update - Yvon D is still working on trying to get it fixed.

New Business

Fire Truck sale proceeds - \$6751 was the sale amount netted. The fire dept (Justin Rainville) requested to use some of the money for up-fitting the new fire truck. We can discuss this further next meeting.

SELECTBOARD Folder

Peter M read some of the mail aloud. All board members had an opportunity to look thru the folder.

Member Concerns

- Yvon D asked about the status on the pillar repairs. Ed R had someone lined up, but he got injured and will not be able to do the job. Peter M wants to ask Henry Rainville to look at it. Yvon D will talk with Henry R.
- Yvon D thought the town should apply for the Better Roads Grant ASAP.
- Peter M read a letter from Jim Mullen concerning complaints.

NOTICE: The next Water Meeting will be 8/8/2016 in the FELCO Room.

THE NEXT SELECTBOARD MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, AUGUST 15th, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.

At 9:15 p.m. Brooks S/ Yvon D made a motion to adjourn. Vote taken with all in favor and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandi Murphy,
minute taker

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

These minutes were approved at the August 15, 2016 board meeting.