

**MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2014 @ 6:30 P.M.
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

Members Present: Peter Magnant, Yvon Dandurand, Brooks Sturtevant, Ed Rainville; and Andy Godin.

Guests: Mark Toof (Franklin Emergency Management Coordinator), Justin Rainville (Franklin Fire Department Chief).

Peter Magnant called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was said.

Agenda amendments: Removed Highway Department from agenda.

Budget Prep:

Board briefly discussed general budget, town hall budget increase and library budget increase. Board would like to see the highway mileage reimbursement reduced to \$1000, and there will be other various cuts made to the highway budget, they will be discussed with Lisa and Howard.

Emergency Management Coordinator:

Mark Toof is the current coordinator and has concerns for implementation of the current plans in the event of a Town wide or more localized emergency with in town. Peter stressed that keeping the lines of communication open with Mark is key. Justin voiced his concern over many people that live alone in town but outside of the village and them reaching 911 in the event of an emergency; Yvon noted that having neighborly support for those people is very important. Mark also voiced his concern in the event of a fire at the Carriage house or Homestead as many of the people may require assistance to be evacuated. Mark would like the Towns help is getting information out to the resident's via the Towns website and email list, the board will ask Sara collaborate with Mark. The board will meet with Mark again in January 2015.

Fire Department:

Justin Rainville, Chief, presented the plans for a new tanker for the Fire Department; the proposed design is \$225,000, they are asking the Town for \$200,000. The current tanker is a 1994 and is considered vintage; Justin stated it's very hard to find parts when repairs/maintenance needs to be done due to its age. Mark Toof, Lieutenant, has written & applied for a grant through FEMA for a new tanker and generator totaling \$300,000, they will not know if they have been awarded the grant for another month or better. The details of the grant and chances of Franklin receiving it were discussed. Adding an article to the Town meeting warning was discussed.

Review and sign bills: The bills were reviewed and warrants signed.

Minutes: Minutes of November 12, 2014 regular meeting were presented; Brooks Sturtevant/ Yvon Dandurand made a motion to accept minutes as written. No discussion had, all members voted in favor, motion passed.

Old Business:

- **VT Route 120 from Riley Road to Dewing Road:** Study was done by VTrans and the average speed was 51mph, the State recommended in their letter to the Town that NO change be made to the current speeds postings on that section of highway. The Clerk's office will send a letter to the LCCA advising them of State's decision and include a copy of the letter from the State.
- **Humane Society Contract:** Board reviewed letters from Richford and Enosburg on how they handle their contracts with the humane society, no action will be taken at this time by the board and the contract will remain unsigned.

New Business:

- **Northwest Solid Waste District:** NWSWD would like a community member from Franklin on its board of directors; discussion was had on possible candidates.

- **Weed harvester:** The need for a new weed harvester was discussed, Peter noted that the board should talk to the LCCA about using the \$25,000 from rescue towards a new machine.
- **Planning Commission:** Board received a letter from Clark Hubbard, Planning Commission Chair, recommending Rolland Rainville be appointed to fill an unexpired term on the board. Yvon Dandurand/Brooks Sturtevant made the motion to appoint Rolland Rainville to the Planning Commission, all in favor, Rolland appointed to Planning Commission. Selectboard discussed the possibility of attending the December 16, 2014 Planning Commission meeting, Peter will touch base with Clark.

Member Concerns:

- Brooks mentioned the Town paying (temporarily) bills that regard the Water district and that they will be repaid once the Town takes over the system in early 2015.
- Ed Rainville/Andy Godin made the motion to put the water operator classified ad in the St. Albans Messenger, all in favor. Peter will advise Jes of approval and have him work with the Clerk's office on submitting the ad department to get published.
- Ed will talk to Sara Rainville about taking on the administrative duties of the water district and hours/duties that will be required.
- Peter advised that the tree in Veteran's park should be taken down soon, Sara spoke to them on Monday and Franklin is on the top of their job list.
- Board noted that the docks are still in the water at the North end boat launch, the State has not been prompt about returning message to the Clerk's office.
- The board thanked Andy, Road commissioner, for taking the buoys of the water at the north beach.
- Yvon noted that Northwest Regional Planning has increased its assessment to \$.99 per capita.
- Brooks Sturtevant/Andy Godin made the motion to buy the Town employees (Howard, Ron, Lisa & Sara) gift cards, all in favor, motion approved.
- Ed and Andy will get price quotes to have dead trees removed along all Town roads.

Member Concerns:

- Employee evaluations & pay raises were discussed
- Yvon would like the fire truck included on the warning to let people discuss and decide, will be talked about again January.

Next regular and budget meeting will be January 14 at 7:00 pm.

Employee review meeting will be on December 17 at 7:00 pm.

Board will attend the Franklin Watershed meeting on December 18, 2014 at 7:00 pm at the FELCO Room at the Franklin Homestead, Clerk's office will warn for the boards attendance.

Yvon Dandurand/Brooks Sturtevant made the motion to adjourn the meeting. All members voted in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sara Rainville, Assistant Town Clerk
December 11, 2014

These minutes are not official until approved at the Select board's next regular meeting.
Minutes were approved at the January 14, 2015 meeting.