

**MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD
MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2011
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

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

Guests: Cecil King, Diane Stowe, George Godin, Heidi Britch-Valenta, Vicki Gratton, Megan Kobelt, Jean Richard, Gilbert Dewing, Robert Irish, Listers. Kim & Burt Maynard, FTC

Scott Choiniere called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Listers/Reappraisal:

Jean advised that the listers have spoken with Ted Nelson from PVR regarding the writing of a land schedule for the reappraisal being done. Mr. Nelson was highly recommended by PVR for his work. He has forwarded a contract for this work at a cost of \$5,000 for 10 days. Extra days will be billed at \$750 per day after such time. The land schedule will go back to the "old school" bulk method as before the 2004 reappraisal. Mr. Nelson will be available for grievance and software training for the listers. Scott/Peter Magnant made the motion to accept and sign the contract for the 2012 reappraisal work as written. All voted in favor, 5-0. The listers were thanked for their work and exited.

Watershed Committee:

Heidi presented packets to the board of the year end work that has been done for 2011. The Watershed has received \$130,000 of grants for town projects. All grants close in December; any funds remaining will be rolled over to 2012 projects. Lisa has requested the hydraulic study of the Dewing Road outlets with VTrans and is on the waiting list. Heidi and the committee continue to look for grant funds to continue watershed projects. They have many that are pending approval. They will continue to work on the Hammond Shore sediment removal with FEMA monies allotted for this purpose. Heidi was thanked for her continued efforts and exited.

Old Business:

- Docks: Leonard Larose called and advised he would not be attending tonight's meeting. He was not in support of all the requirements of the dock lease given to him. Mrs. Stowe entered the meeting also regarding the lease requirements. They also were not sure about accepting all the terms. Kyle had measured the beach area and suggested that 25 feet per dock was sufficient beginning at the eastern edge of the property. Scott/Kyle made a motion to table the legal opinion of the dock leases as the parties involved are not accepting of all the requirements set forth. The previous decision of the board to not allow docks at all stands. All voted in favor, 5-0.
- Municipal lot/storm water issue: Franklin Telephone is pushing for the town to acquire a storm water discharge permit from the state at an estimated cost of \$20,000. The requirement for acquiring a permit is if more than one acre of permeable surface is disturbed during a project. The entire garage area has been measured and is under this requirement; the legal opinion is that the permit is not needed. VLCT-PACIF is willing to settle the damages claim for a sum to be determined. Kyle/Scott made a motion to settle the damages claim with PACIF to close the remaining court case. All voted in favor, 5-0.

Kim & Burt Maynard from FTC entered the meeting. Kim handed out information to the board members regarding the items of concern that FTC would like to work out with the town through open communication. First is the option to revisit the ROW agreement with all parties involved to amend for the future use of the Westcott land. Second is the hiring of an engineer for plans on the shop lot in its entirety for storm water runoff and other potential issues. Kim stated the "speed bump" to divert water runoff is only a temporary fix and needs to be addressed. Water damage continues to happen with runoff.

Peter M asked Kim what the water damages to FTC property were in order to assess a settlement. Kim stated the current shop lot has been built up over time and run off increased. The water issue started after the old garage burnt. There may have been a broken water line or drainage that was blocked; maple trees died. Scott asked when PACIF settles for the damages; if FTC is willing to aid financially in the engineering costs. Apple Tree Lane also has run off issues that affect the garage and FTC lots.

Kim would like to hear from the board on the discussion to move forward with resolving the stated issues.

- Cell Towers: Yvon has done some research on having a cell tower installed in town; they cover a five mile block for service. "Gates Hill" appears to be the ideal location due to the height above sea level. The permits are hard to acquire but Yvon has been speaking with Sanders office to work on lessening the permit criteria on this necessity for safety. The height would be approx. 50 feet.
- Energy Efficiency Grant: The bid proposal has been posted and there will be a site visit here with NWRP on the 15th for all contractors wishing to submit a bid.
- Town Hall doors: Kyle will work on getting donated labor to install the doors, they are at the town hall now.
- Middle Rd culverts: Peter K worked with the highway crew on what would be the best fix for the excessive water flow by Fournier's. Jim Dewing did the equipment work and is willing to take 50 gal of diesel in trade, cost of \$180. His charge would be approx. \$220 if billed. All members in favor of trade.
- Norm Kern's truck on Hanna Rd is still there in the ROW. Mr. Kern had advised it would be moved by now and has not been. Discussed having it picked up by Hodgden's by Friday the 16th.

Town Clerk's Concerns:

- Dogs: Melissa Greeno on Main St has paid the dog license fees. Denis Demar, Animal Control Officer, was conference called in during the discussion. Denis advised he was threatened and told by the Greeno's they would shoot him off their porch if he attempted to take their dogs. Scott/Kyle made the motion for a letter/bill to be done charging the Greeno's for the animal control officer time (2 visits). If not paid in 10 days from receipt, the dogs will be picked up by A.C. and kenneled for 7 days for redemption with additional fees at that time. Enclose dog ordinance. Motion passed 4 in favor, Peter K voted no.
- Fire Alarm: Last month Yvon asked if there would be an insurance premium reduction if there was an alarm. Lisa checked with VLCT and there is no difference. There are safety grants available in 2012 which would cover the cost of the alarm setup. Lisa will hold off and apply for the grant next year.
- GK Distributors are the new supplier of uniforms; cost increase of \$5/week due to the reflective wear. First delivery will be 12/29.
- SWIP grant has been done to support the SWIP plan for 2012-2013.
- Town hall phone: Vicki Gratton and Megan Kobelt were here regarding the town hall having access to a phone for emergency use. Lisa advised that they do have 911 services. Will get a phone for the town hall.
- The Watershed Committee has submitted a grant for work on the Marsh Brook in 2012 for bank erosion. They are looking for a letter of support from the Town of the project. Peter K/Yvon made the motion to support the project, letter signed. All in favor, motion passed 5-0.
- Financial Reports were reviewed. December 22 the board will meet for budget discussion.
- Minutes: November 14, 2011 minutes reviewed, change made to Park & Ride discussion, the dial office location should be Franklin Telephone property. Scott/Peter M made the motion to accept with changes. All in favor, motion passed 5-0.
- Bills reviewed and signed.

New business:

- Weed Control/Herbicide application to Lake Carmi: discussed the warning for funding, to include in town meeting warning.

Selectboard Folder:

- Thank you note from Voices against Violence for assessment.
- Letter from Peter Kittell, Road Commissioner, to Mark Johnson about moving vehicles from the ROW on Middle/Scott Rd. The corner has become widened over time and has water run off issues. Peter drove by and a truck has been moved but there remain other items to be moved as well. Peter Kittell will do a thank you letter to Mr. Johnson for his cooperation and ask that the other items also be moved. Peter suggested addressing the culvert and ditching on the corner right away for safety purposes. Board agrees.
- Scott read another written complaint that has been received about the Johnson issue of parking within the ROW; this has been addressed.
- NW Unit of Special Investigation: Thank you letter for assessment.
- Champlain Housing Trust: letter of support for affordable housing grants.
- VT Association of Chief of Police: invite to meeting

- Franklin County Court: budget meeting invitation.
- Clark Hubbard dog complaint. Lisa advised to do a letter to Mr. Hubbard asking for more information to further pursue is desired.
- VT Property Evaluation: Grand list information, COD 33.52% and CLA 73%
- Attorney letter from Lucille Rainville and her representative regarding the Stone Environmental septic study. She is addressing the property category and use of her property; they are not correct and is challenging Stone Environmental to correct the information.
- Prayer lawsuit information. The board asked Lisa to put together the costs of the lawsuit to date for the next meeting. Inquired if other towns would be able to assist in the funding of the suit as it will likely set precedence for the state.

Member Concerns:

- The highway dept has received a quote from Marshall's Tire for tires for the loader. Peter K concern of the loader is that new wheels are also needed as they are old and appear to flatten the tires. Yvon will get prices on tires for the equipment as well.
- Yvon has been asked about the plowing of the school parking lot. Needs to be kept plowed and sanded well as there is much traffic there on a daily basis.
- There is a car parked by the town garage that belongs to a resident of the Homestead. It needs to be moved to the Homestead parking area.
- There are leaves on Square Rd along the sidewalk and drainage basins that still need to be cleaned up.
- Kyle has looked into the lake level and the dam. The lake is higher than usual and needs to be addressed to minimize the erosion to the shoreline in the spring. Kyle will contact the state to discuss options.
- "Private Property" signs on Dewing Shore Rd have been put up again and must not be there. This shore line is within the town ROW and is not the property of individual campers. Lisa will do letters to the camp owner about this issue.

Next Select board meeting is December 22, 2011, for budget preparation
 Select board meeting on December 30, 2011 to approve year end bills.

Kyle/Peter M 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
 December 14, 2011

These minutes are not official until approved at the Select board's next regular meeting. Approved at January 9, 2012 meeting