

FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD MEETING

DECEMBER 14, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

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

GUESTS: Howard Vansette and Jeremy Barnum

At 7:03 p.m. Peter M called the meeting to order. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS: Peter M asked to swap agenda item 5 to 4th. All in favor

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Peter M suggested going into executive session for annual employee reviews. Ed R/Andy G made a motion to enter into executive session at 7:07 pm; all members voted in favor, motion passed. Ed R/Andy G made a motion to exit executive session at 7:43 pm; all members voted in favor, motion passed.

HIGHWAY BUDGET REVIEW: Andy G brought up the need to hire another highway worker for additional crew coverage. Pete advised the board will discuss salaries later. Pete asked for an estimated number of hours for a part-time worker to allow the board to budget for such.

- Health insurance and pension costs were discussed.
- Chloride budget-\$15K this year, \$10K left in FY17 budget until July 1; Ed suggests to level fund chloride-it is tied into oil prices. Yvon inquired how much it is to fill the chloride tank-7500 gals to fill tank. Takes 10,000 gals of chloride to cover all roads in town.
- Culvert-\$2K should be good, put an 18" culvert on Riley Rd this year.
- Equipment Rental-\$5K this year, spend \$8K, suggested \$6K, grant projects to reimburse \$3K
- Gas & Fuel-\$15K this year-have \$11K left for 6 months, Yvon suggests price hike; Peter suggests increase fuel budget to \$18K
- Gravel-ask Lisa what was spent in FY16?
- Blacktopping-FY17 budget \$125K spend \$220K; grant reimbursement \$152,922. Budget \$50K to finish Moses Line Rd, Howard suggested finishing Stanley Rd, Jeremy suggested Gallup Rd additional pavement. Peter brought up the suggestion from Jim Cota-VTrans on trying to get grants for smaller projects. Yvon wants to stay on top of blacktopping budget. Ed-save money by sealing cracks, suggested pricing out a sealing machine. Andy suggests resurfacing Hanna Rd, Howard and Jeremy agreed. Peter asked Howard and Jeremy to give Selectboard a status of roads that need resurfacing. Jeremy brought up the hotbox topic that was discussed at a Franklin County Road Crew meeting; combine a hotbox and sealer equipment to share resources with other towns.
- Sand/salt-Peter asked about current budget of \$14K; Howard advised don't need to purchase any more salt. Peter-level fund.
- Shop & Tools-Peter inquired about need for tools; Jeremy suggested a stationary pressure washer-\$4,000. Board discussed stationary pressure washers.
- Signs-hard to predict
- Repair & Maintenance-current budget \$16K reduce to \$12K for FY18
- Sand shed-last payment will be FY18
- Sand shed ends a FY17 expense only
- Truck payments-\$14K for 4 yrs
- Equipment fund-Peter suggests we should put in \$10K. Asked to find out costs of pressure washers.
- Discussion on removing humidity from the town garage; Peter brought up the idea of bringing in a heating expert for suggestions.
- Peter brought up the need for other equipment; though cannot budget this year-grader, loader, Howard's truck.

WEED HARVESTER: Yvon did more research on the weed harvester engine-biggest issue is the larger size engine that would be required. Suggests a 32hp motor, would take 3-5 days to get from Franklin Rental. Doubles more torque, installation would be estimated at \$400-600. Andy suggested that Jake Dandurand and Yvon could complete the installation of the new engine. Brooks/Ed made a motion to allow Yvon to purchase the new 32hp engine from Franklin Rental. All members voted in favor, motion passed. Yvon and Andy suggested an on-line survey about the use of the weed harvester. Questions such as:

- Do people fee harvesting weeds is beneficial?
- Do you regularly boat or own a camp?
- Any difference in amount of weeds in summer 2016?
- In favor of harvesting, herbicide, aeration?
- How should town handle weeds?

Ed brought up that there could be a new weed that could cause more problems for the health of the lake. Ed suggested trying out the harvester with the new engine in early spring before harvesting season.

MEMBER CONCERNS/OTHER BUSINESS

- Ed brought up the need for a protocol for complaints.
- Peter discussed the emergency hours for the highway crew. The highway crew was asked to clarify when emergency hours are needed.
- Peter asked about the tree in the park; should be cut down sometime next week. Peter will talk to the church about distribution of the wood to needy families.
- Peter-for the next Selectboard meeting will discuss budget; Rec committee, sidewalks, ambulance services.
- Amcare proposes a 2% increase for a 5 yr contract same as the 10 year contract. Offering a subscription plan for 5yrs/10yrs.
- Ed asked about new standards related to roads; narrowing lanes from 16ft to 12ft on class three roads. Need to adopt the standards to qualify for emergency funding for FEMA in case of disaster.
- Discussion over a Franklin/Browns Corner Rd Quarry.

At 9:05 p.m. Brooks S/Ed R made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE DECEMBER 21, 2016 AT 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
 Lisa Larivee
 Town Clerk/Treasurer
 December 15, 2016

These minutes are not official until approved at the next regular board meeting.
 These minutes were approved at the December 21, 2016 Selectboard meeting.