

**MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2015 @ 7:00 P.M.
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

Members Present: Yvon Dandurand, Brooks Sturtevant, Ed Rainville, Andy Godin, Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk/Treasurer.

Guests: Howard Vansette

Yvon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., pledge of allegiance was said.

Agenda amendments:

Add to town clerk: Highgate Arena article/warning information

Add to Old Business: library pillars

All members voted in favor, 4-0 approved.

Public Comments: none

Minutes:

The minutes of December 1 were reviewed. Minor changes/corrections were made. Brooks/Ed made the motion to approve the minutes of Dec 1, 2015. Vote taken, 3 approved (Andy abstained), motion passed.

Review and Sign bills: Bills were reviewed and signed.

Town Clerk concerns:

- **Public Budget meeting-** reviewed with the board the need for setting the date of a public budget meeting. Wednesday, January 20th at 7:00 pm at the school library was set.
- **Article warning for water district:** Brooks advised we are still waiting for a figure from Jess, Water Commissioner, regarding the article for funds and term of loan to upgrade the water system.
- **Highgate Arena:** The board has received a request from the Highgate Arena project group requesting funding for the capital reserve fund for future upgrades. Yvon states we need to put this as an article for voter input and Lisa will inquire about how many years they will be looking for this support.

Budget Review and preparations: Reviewed highway budget lines for FY17. Discussed the equipment fund reserve for future equipment purchases; Lisa will inquire what the guidelines are on these funds. The board is looking at what purchases will need to be made in the near future

- Street lights in the parking lot should be changed to LED as there are rebates at this time to get them for nearly free; Yvon will check into.
- Howard requested a stronger pressure washer for the town garage; Yvon will check into prices.
- Sand Shed ends need to be warned as an article; \$14,714 for 2 ends to keep out the rain/snow.
- Yvon will check on prices for a sweeper to put on the Kabota tractor; use for street sweeping, snow removal of sidewalks, ect.
- Paving project for 2016-17 season; Riley Rd, Stanley Rd, Dewing Rd (hope to get VTrans grant funds for)

New Business:

- **Morses Line Road speed limit:** Lisa advised she received a petition signed by more than 5% of voters, to satisfy the requirement, on December 14th, to rescind/amend the traffic ordinance regarding the lowered speed limit to 40 mph. The statutes read that a special meeting/vote must be warned within 60 days of receipt of the petition. Lisa has asked VLCT for guidance on how to handle this issue. Brooks/Andy made a motion to warn a special meeting at the same time as the public budget meeting on January 20th. All members voted in favor. The board discussed the speed limit signs that have already been put up; they will leave them there for now until this issue is resolved.

Old Business:

- **Water Dist/Highway shared resources agreement:** needs to be discussed further with water district to include details of equipment use.
- **Library pillars:** Yvon stated Henry Rainville had called him regarding the base structures; they were modified by the board to fit the pillars when they were reinstalled and will need to be rebuilt as this will weaken them. The board needs to relook at the project in the spring.

Selectboard folder: none

Member Concerns:

-Andy has spoken with Jeremy regarding the recent Corey home fire; Jeremy responded as a citizen to assist and is considering joining the fire department as he works in town now. How would he handle leaving during work hours to respond to a fire? Andy will inquire what others do when leaving work for this volunteer work.

-Yvon would like a "Thank you" sent to John Giroux for storing the docks last winter.

-"Thank you" to Travis Hill for his work to repaint/design the Town Hall sign on the building.

Lisa exited at 9:37 pm

Motion to enter executive session by Brooks/Ed; the Selectboard entered executive session at 9:39 to discuss personal salaries/benefits.

Andy/Ed made a motion to exit executive session at 9:59, all in favor.

Next regular select board meeting will be Wednesday, January 6th at 7:00 pm.

Next water commissioner meeting will be Monday, January 11th at 6:00 p.m.

Andy/Brooks made a motion to adjourn at 10:00 p.m. All members voted in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk
December 17, 2015

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

These minutes were approved at the January 6, 2016 meeting.