

**MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2015 @ 7:00 P.M.
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

Members Present: Peter Magnant, Yvon Dandurand, Brooks Sturtevant, Ed Rainville, Andy Godin and Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk.

Guests: Howard Vansette

Peter Magnant called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was said.

Agenda amendments: Town Clerk concerns – add Efficiency VT grant discussion
Old Business – Polly to attend to discuss weed harvester grant
Minutes – to move approval of before public comments
All members voted to accept the agenda amendments.

Minutes: Minutes of January 14, regular meeting; January 22, public budget meeting. Yvon Dandurand/Andy Godin made a motion to accept the minutes as written; all members voted in favor, motion passed.

Public Comments: none

Highway Department: Howard has concerns with the sand stock lasting for the rest of the winter, much of the sand is frozen up and we need a thaw to break it up. He has spoken with Hank Leach about getting more if needed; they will accommodate if necessary. He has ordered one more load of salt within the budget line funds; hope that will get us through. The gates are keeping people from taking salt for personal use. The sidewalks have been maintained well, they are plowing backwards for two passes on Square Rd to push the snow away from the sidewalk. Pete asked about the moisture issue at the garage, if it has improved. Howard states it has been better this week with the replacement of a bad circulator on the furnace. Discussed adding a modine heater to have air circulating around, would help to dry the floors better. The ceiling fans do help.

Howard will be in touch with Jeremy Barnum as a spare driver. Ron will be out of town during school break. Lisa will set up the required pre-employment drug testing for Mr. Barnum.

Liquor Control Board: Yvon Dandurand/Brooks Sturtevant made the motion to enter into liquor control board hearing at 7:27 pm. All members voted in favor, motion passed.

Byams Store: applied for a class two liquor/tobacco license; Ed Rainville/Andy Godin made a motion to approve the application. All members voted in favor, motion passed.

Franklin General Store: applied for a class two liquor/tobacco license; Yvon Dandurand/Brooks Sturtevant made a motion to approve the application. All members voted in favor, motion passed.

Due North Vineyard: applied for an outside consumption permit; Ed Rainville/Yvon Dandurand made a motion to approve the permit. All members voted in favor, motion passed.

Yvon Dandurand/Brooks Sturtevant made a motion to exit liquor control board hearing at 7:35 pm, all in favor, motion passed.

Town Clerk Concerns:

- Sheriff fees that have been returned to the town from May 2014 to current are \$1139.70 for fines collected on tickets. Lisa will inquire about next year's contract price to determine the hours of service we will receive.
- Historic Preservation-Town Hall grant: Lisa advised the board the first requirement of the grant is to submit a scope of work to be completed to the Division of Historic Preservation for approval before putting the project out to bid. The board reviewed what has been written up; discussed the need for ice and water barrier under the steel. Ed recommends using a good protection under the steel for future protection. Ed recommends a disclaimer for the drainage work that the contractor is responsible for exact measurements to complete the project. The board approves the scope of work to send to the state.
- PACIF Equipment grant from VLCT has been written for the complete replacement of the alarm system in the amount of \$3939.70. This is a 50% match grant. Board approves and Peter signs the grant.

- Efficiency VT Grant of \$500 has been awarded to the town for participating in the Home Energy Challenge Pledge card drive and receiving the highest percentage of pledge cards. Lisa is looking into prices to replace the library lights to LED and also taking advantage of the current lighting rebates.
- Grissom/Townley dog: the town has received complaints about the dog being on school grounds while in session; though leashed is still approaching people and is showing aggression. A letter will be sent regarding the issue.

Review and sign bills: The bills were reviewed and warrants signed. Discussed the heat setting at the garage to conserve heating costs; feel that 55 is warm enough. Andy will discuss with the highway crew.

Old Business:

- **Health Officer:** discussed the pay rate as compared to surrounding towns. Yvon Dandurand/Ed Rainville made a motion to set the pay rate at \$750 annually plus mileage if travel out of town is necessary for health officer business. All members voted in favor, motion passed. Discussed possible candidates; Yvon Dandurand/Brooks Sturtevant made a motion to appoint Paula Tremblay as Health Officer for a three year term. All members voted in favor, motion passed. Lisa will contact Mrs. Tremblay.
- **Legal Trails:** The town clerk's office has researched Shady Maple Lane to determine if this is a town road (legal trail) as discussed at the last meeting. The deed starting in 1944 states there is a reserved ROW by the property owner to a "wood lot" on the property. There was no reference found to it being a town owned road in any manner. There are no other known legal trails in town that are not currently mapped.
- **Weed harvester:** Discussed the weed harvester grant that was submitted for the annual operation and the purchase of a new machine. Peter would like to know when the grant funds need to be spent by if awarded. Discussed the funds that may be needed from the town for this purchase. The board's understanding was that the machine would not be purchased until 2016 after discussion with voters, LCCA and the Watershed Committee for input from all parties.

New Business:

- **Dandurand Road:** Yvon has gotten some complaints regarding large truck traffic on Dandurand Road traveling too fast. Our current ordinance does not have this road listed; therefore the current speed limit reverts to 50 mph. It currently does not have a posted speed limit. Suggested that Barnum Road and Durkee Road should also be reduced. The board would like to reduce the three roads to 35 mph upon adoption of changes to the Traffic ordinance; and look at what needs to be done to reduce Dandurand Road to 25 mph; Lisa believes a traffic study/count needs to be done but will inquire with NWRPC.

Selectboard folder:

- Rutland Selectboard has sent a letter and resolution to the selectboard regarding having restrictions to solar development through the state regulations. A letter was also received from Renewable Energy Vermont rebutting Rutland's request. The board discussed and did not sign the resolution.
- Chad Bouchard has sent a request to the board about his purchasing and installing a large (7' x 10') billboard type sign at the end of Morses Line Rd welcoming Canadian visitors. The board discussed what the laws/rules are regarding large signs and zoning requirements. Lisa will speak with NWRPC regarding rules before the board can approve Mr. Bouchard's request.
- Selectboard institute notice in March
- Letter from VTrans denying the speed limit change for Rte. 120 at the north end of Lake Carmi.
- Letter from Rob Cormier regarding his disapproval of the denial from the Franklin Watershed Committee to appoint him to their board.
- Letter from Judith McLaughlin regarding the Planning Commission's proposed change to the Shoreland district zone; she objects to this change to reduce the district zone.
- Planning Commission has recommended changes to the zoning bylaws as follows:

- Shoreland district change from 500 ft. to 250 ft. to match the states Shoreland protection rules.
- Change definition of impervious surface to match the state Shoreland rules.
- Put a link on the website to the Shoreland protection act for resident's reference.

Ed remembers conversation regarding the change of the Shoreland district to 250 ft. due to the year-round residents that live in close proximity to the lake and being affected by the rules if we keep our district zone at 500 ft.

- Bruce & Debbie Bushey have received a permit from the State of VT approving a Shoreland erosion stabilization project at their camp on Lake Carmi.

Member Concerns:

- Ed voiced concern from residents about being able to vote at town meeting on the fire truck issue. Many people are not able to go to town meeting to vote from the floor; as this is a large amount. Can Australian ballot be used? Lisa advises only if the vote is for a bond issue.
- The board discussed town meeting items and who will speak on which topics.
- Andy suggested with the issue of the weed harvesting needing the use of the tractor maybe we should hire out the first spring pass of mowing to free up the tractor for the weed harvesting. He will look into costs to hire road side mowing for further discussion.
- Yvon asked who was going to the school budget hearing on the 16th. Tim Magnant has spoken with him about his disappointment regarding the condition of the shared tractor; it is not well taken care of and in poor condition for its age and usage.
- Pete asked Lisa to warn the selectboard attending the Planning Commission meeting on Feb 17th in the Homestead Dining room and the Franklin Watershed Committee meeting on Feb 19th in the FELCO Room.

Next regular meeting will be March 11 at 7:00 pm.

Brooks Sturtevant/Ed Rainville made the motion to adjourn the meeting. All members voted in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk
February 13, 2015

These minutes are not official until approved at the Select board's next regular meeting.
Minutes were approved at the March 11, 2015 meeting.