

**MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2013 @ 7:00  
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

**Members Present:** Peter Magnant, Yvon Dandurand, Andrew Godin, Wayne Laroche, Kyle Lothian (arrived late), Lisa Larivee-Town Clerk

**Guests:** None

Peter Magnant called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. The Pledge of allegiance was said.

No public comments.

**Minutes:** January 8 regular meeting, January 15 budget meeting, and January 24 public budget meeting; Peter/Yvon made a motion to approve with minor corrections. All members voted in favor, motion passed.

**Review and sign bills:** Board members reviewed and signed bills.

**Liquor Control Board hearing:**

Peter called the hearing to order at 7:17. The Town Clerk presented the board with two applications for liquor and tobacco licenses; Franklin General Store and Byam's Quick Stop. Both applications are reviewed and complete as necessary for renewal. All members are in favor and signed applications. Hearing closed at 7:30.

**Town Clerk Concerns:**

- Copier fee increase presented to the board for approval. The change the town clerk is looking to make is for copies of documents from the land records. Currently charging \$2.00 per document, most other clerks and state recommendation is \$1.00 per page with a \$2 minimum; would make our fees consistent with other towns. Discussion on the cost of copies and equipment investments. Peter/Wayne made a motion to accept the increase of \$1.00 per page with a \$2.00 minimum from current charge of \$2.00 per document. All members voted in favor, motion passed.
- Dog Complaint: resident complaint of Rainville dogs coming onto their property and defecating and getting in the trash. Board will send a letter to Beau Rainville, dog owner, that if dogs are seen roaming of their property they will be picked up by the Animal Control Officer at the owners expense.

**Old Business:**

- Sand Shed: Yvon has visited the Georgia town garage that has recently built a new sand shed. It is stick built with the gable end closed in on the back side, 14' concrete walls. The sand is very dry as they put it up over the summer months to allow better drying. They add no salt to the sand which saves a lot on salt costs and wear on the dirt roads; dry out much better in the spring and they don't get muddy. Georgia stated they wished they had left the gable end on the back open for better air flow through the building. Board would like to consider using liquid salt brine for application to the paved roads as it appears to be much cheaper; need to compare the set-up of equipment for operational costs vs. capital costs. The board will need to confirm where the new building will be located after town meeting.
- Reviewed the warning articles again before town meeting. Yvon will be the spokesman for the sand shed.
- Inter-local Contract review: Highgate has spoken with their town attorney regarding the contract details. The recommendation is to make the three town board incorporated with bylaws for control over spending, etc. The board's concern is maintaining control over budget issues. Legal questions need to be clarified as to who maintains the budget within the corporation; a board of directors would be chosen as representatives. Board advises they will not make a decision at this time until the vote; will review with our attorney after town meeting.

**New Business:**

- Gorman Contract: Gorman has offered the town to rent equipment and a tank for summer chloride application. Rental is \$1/yr for three years with payment of \$3500 after such point. Must purchase 9,000 gal of chloride per year for 3 years from Gorman; or may continue to rent for \$1.00/year as long as continue to purchase product from them. Kyle will look into the details further before signing the contract; board authorized Kyle to sign if he approves of the contract.

- Humane Society Contract: The town has a contract for dog services, does not include cats. The town is billed \$500 for membership with the society and signs a contract. Town Clerk also reminded the board that the Humane Society has submitted a petition to be included in the tax assessments for additional funding of \$500. Wayne/Peter made a motion to sign the contract with the Humane Society. All members voted in favor, motion passed.
- Resignations: David Lucey has submitted a resignation from the Planning Commission. Board accepts the resignation and will post the position. Peter asked Town Clerk to contact all other expiring term members to verify if they are willing to continue to hold their positions and to do Thank you letters to expiring members.
- March 6 at 7:00, Town Clerk's office – Selectboard Reorganizational meeting.
- February 19, joint board meeting with the Planning Commission regarding the PACE program.
- Road overweight letter: Reviewed the roads that are weight restricted from March 15-May 15. Discussed the need for permits for enforcement. Kyle signed the letter which is included with the overweight permits.
- Town land hay lease: Peter read the bid request to be submitted to the public. Requesting a three year lease for the leasee to have the ability to fertilize the property as needed. Board approved to be posted on website, around town, and the newsletter e-mail list. Lisa will check the cost to publish in the Messenger.

**Selectboard folder:**

- Village Designation: approval/acceptance letter for the Town of Franklin's application by the state. They were happy with the application and that the town has done a septic feasibility study.
- Quotes for the Dewing Shore Road bridge/culvert replacement with VTrans grant.
- IRS mileage rate increase to \$.565 per mile
- VLCT courses and trainings that are offered throughout the year.

**Member Concerns:**

Kyle reviewed the expenses of the town garage equipment to date.

Yvon has gotten another quote of \$11,000 for asphalt for the floor in the sand shed.

Lisa advised that Burt Maynard with FTC had been in and asked about the new light to be installed on the new pole in front of the fire station.

Peter stated he was planning to run for the 3 year seat on the board again, Yvon also is planning to rerun. Andrew will run for his unexpired seat term.

Wayne/Yvon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All members voted in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk  
February 14, 2013

***These minutes are not official until approved at the Select board's next regular meeting.*** Approved by Selectboard – March 12, 2013