

**Emergency Franklin Select Board Meeting
July 2, 2014
Town Clerk's Office**

Members Present: Peter Magnant, Ed Rainville and Yvon Dandurand.

Guests: Polly Gadbois and Peter Benevento, LCCA.

Peter called the meeting to order at 6:30 a.m., pledge of allegiance was said and guests were welcomed to the meeting.

LCCA: Polly spoke about all the Lake Carmi Campers Association sponsored events occurring on Lake Carmi around the July 4th holiday. Polly also discussed the difficulty of docking at the North beach without a dock and would like to see three dock sections placed in the water temporarily for all the upcoming events. She commented that the State does not want their dock at the boat launch used, but has not spoken with them directly. She claimed that the State has jurisdiction below the waterline and provides a letter that was sent to Randy Farrar, a Hammond Shore Road camp owner. She further noted that the beach is public property.

Peter M. reiterated the Town's position regarding liability and past decisions about the docks on the North beach that is owned by the Town. Ed stated that this is very short notice for the request and the protection of all the Town's people is the select board responsibility; the fireworks coupled with boats and booze are not low risk events. Yvon complimented the LCCA for their efforts but the select board has already dealt with this issue before and agreed that no docks would be allowed to be installed on the beach owned by the Town; very torn between the festive events and doing what is in the best interest of the Town's people.

Ed discussed the docks at Burton Island; public docks are NOT allowed in public waters without State approval. Polly stated that she has not contacted the State about this issue.

Peter M. discussed the opinion that the Town received from VLCT Insurance and that the Town is always at risk. Peter M. stated that the beach is covered, the policy to date agreed upon by the select board is no docks on Town's property.

Peter M voiced his concern over the friction between the LCCA and select board. It is the job of the select board to protect the Town and not expose it to undue risk, no matter how minimal the risk may see, it's still important to the board.

Peter B stated it's only one day that the LCCA is asking for the docks to be in the water; the water is bad and the Town should be working on behalf of the LLCA. They would also like "Lake Carmi" signs installed at the north beach area. Also questioned why weed harvester had not been running. Ed stated it's been in the water and harvesting for 1.5 weeks or more.

Polly stated she understood the board position. Yvon stated he is concerned with lawsuits being brought against the Town.

Polly & Peter B further noted that Enosburgh Ambulance, Vermont State Police and the Franklin County Sheriff's department will be on hand for many of the upcoming events at the lake. Insurance was further discussed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Ed/Yvon. All in favor, motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 7:24 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sara Rainville, Assistant Town Clerk
July 8, 2014

These minutes are not official until approved at the next regular meeting.
These minutes were approved at the July 9, 2014 meeting.