

**MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD
TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2013 @ 7:00 P.M.
FRANKLIN SCHOOL LIBRARY**

Members Present: Peter Magnant, Yvon Dandurand, Andrew Godin, Kyle Lothian, and Lisa Larivee-Town Clerk

Guests: Paul & Diane Gates, Hugh Gates, Kim Gates, Polly Gadbois, Gilbert & Betty Dewing, Michael & Sheryl Garala, Chris O'Shea, Justin Rainville, Wayne Fiske, Jay Shepard, Peter Benevento, Larry Myott, Margi Cameron, Jim Cota, VTrans District 8, Peter Mazurick, Cross Consulting, Tyler Mumley, Ruggiano Engineering, Greg Lussier.

Peter Magnant called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. The Pledge of allegiance was said. Pete welcomed everyone for coming.

Sand Shed informational hearing:

Pete Magnant gave a brief project update and turned the meeting over to Yvon Dandurand for a presentation. Yvon built a 1/24 scale model of the proposed sand shed.

- Drainage tile will be installed under footings with 1.5 ft. of 2" stone coverage
- 12" x 24" footings
- 9' x 12" walls with pillar supports
- Hoops are 35' from ground, 8' wide/apart
- Designed for 75# sq./ft. of snow load and 90 mile/hour winds
- The size required was determined by sand purchases over the past several years.
- Tarp color: the board suggests white as it will weather better to repel heat, allow sunlight to brighten interior as there will be no electricity.
- Sand level at 9' walls will hold 1400 yds., meloned by 20% will get another 450 yds. of storage.

Kim Gates asked about the tarp being one piece and not being replaceable by section know? Mr. Lussier advised it has a 15 year prorated warranty and damages can be patched (welded) as needed.

Wayne Fiske states with the ends open the sand will still get wet. Kyle Lothian advises the majority will stay dry and have spoken with other municipalities and they prefer the open ends. There will be no salt used in the sand shed. Hope to reduce salt usage drastically.

Kim Gates asked what the salt shed would be used for if we no longer need salt. Kyle Lothian states the building can be used for storage of other equipment, and there will likely still be some salt needed.

Kim Gates asks what the elevation of the new building will be. Peter Mazurick from Cross Engineering states it will be one foot lower than the current salt shed. The drainage around the building can go to the back ditch or to the catch basin at the south/west of the building. Chris O'Shea advised the ZBA had reduced the height and location of the building for approval as a compromise of all parties.

Kim Gates asked where the other items that are on this location are going to be located. Kyle Lothian advised they will be more organized and store items behind the buildings for security of items and safety. Kim Gates suggests that a policy be made with a garage site plan of where items should be as boards change and this can be consistent and followed.

Hugh Gates asked how the hoops are attached; Mr. Lussier advises the hoops are attached to the top of the cement walls. They are hot dipped galvanized after being welded and bent.

Pete Magnant adjourned this hearing at 7:45 and thanked those present for coming.

Dewing Bridge informational hearing:

Pete Magnant opened the hearing at 8:00; advised the board is not where they had hoped to be when they called this meeting. Bids went out the middle of May, there was much interest and questions regarding the project. The due date was extended to late June to open bids due to requests for additional specs on the project. All bids came in higher than budgeted; no grant has been received from VTrans yet.

Jim Cota assures the grant is still in the works in Montpelier, it is unlikely at this late in the season that the grant will be received in time to complete the project this year. It is in the town's best interest to rebid with a different scope of work with the town assisting with the project.

Pete Magnant advised the town is redrafting a bid proposal with town assistance of specific items; not looking like the project will happen this year due to time constraints. The box culvert takes 6-8 weeks to produce after ordering, the project would take 6-8 weeks to complete and road closure and it will be too late in the season to accomplish this fall.

Tyler Mumley from Ruggiano discussed the hydraulic study done by VTrans to determine culvert needs. Currently it is about 23 sq./ft. opening, would be replaced with a 70 sq./ft. opening. The new culvert bridge will allow for a free flow of water and the lake level will be controlled by the dam. Wayne Fiske asked what the effects will be downstream of the dam with all the extra water flowing into Pike River.

Jim Cota advised the gradient is less than 1/2 % from the lake to the dam, does not see that the effect will be any greater in the stream. Jim will speak with the hydraulic engineers about reviewing this issue.

Polly Gadbois asked about the boards at the dam and if this procedure will change from where it stands now. Larry Myott has gotten information with the Watershed from DEC about the control of the dam and the boards. DEC is the party responsible for the dam.

Jim Cota discussed the grant process and permits that are needed from historic preservation and archeological reviews before issuing grants.

Polly Gadbois asked if the board would need to go back to the voters for more money to complete this project and will the funds budgeted and raised this year be held. Pete Magnant advised they hope not to have to ask for extra but will see where the new bids come in.

Jay Shepard asked about clearing out the current culvert for now; Kyle Lothian advised it is very difficult with state permit requirements but he will look into it.

Pete Magnant adjourned this hearing at 8:42 and thanked those present for coming.

LCCA: Peter Benevento and Larry Myott invited the board to tour Lake Carmi by boat with them on July 31 at 6:00 pm. They would like to review problem areas of milfoil, etc. Lisa will warn as a board meeting.

FFD street light: Lisa has gotten an agreement from VEC for the additional street light to be installed at the fire station location. VEC will install free of cost, there is a cost of \$21.61 per month and will be the new LED lighting. Pete/Yvon made a motion to approve the installation of a new street light.

Town Hall: Sue Clark and Bryant Reynolds are working on a plan of upgrade needs for the town hall. Sue has advised there are trees on the south of the building along the property line that need to be removed as they are rubbing on the roof. Kyle Lothian will look into getting them cleared.

Grissom dog: Kyle Lothian has given the Grissom's names and numbers of dog obedience trainers.

Webster Rd: A property owner on Webster Road has inquired about the town repairing large hole on the class 4 road. The town policy is that class 4 roads are not maintained by the town and work will not be done to maintain them.

Pete/Kyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All members voted in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk
July 25, 2013

These minutes are not official until approved at the Select board's next regular meeting. Approved by Selectboard on August 13, 2013