

**MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD
MONDAY, JULY 8, 2013 @ 6:30
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

Members Present: Peter Magnant, Yvon Dandurand, Kyle Lothian, Wayne Laroche, Andrew Godin

Guests: Mark Cote, Blow & Cote, Denis and Court Perry Munson Earth-Moving

Peter Magnant called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. The Pledge of allegiance was said.

Public Comments: None

Dewing Bridge Bid Interviews:

Mark Cote from Blow & Cote was welcomed and thanked for putting in a bid. Pete advised that the sheeting and coffer dam item was of concern at \$36,155; what makes up this cost and is there a way to reduce costs for this item. Mr. Cote states this is as cheap as they can get the cost. They will make a box and install a temporary pipe to allow the water flow while working on the bridge. The board is hoping for a dry spell to lower water levels. Kyle asked if there is a way to sand bag and use one of the existing pipes. Mr. Cote advised that sand bags are not the best way to prevent flow; the sheeting and coffer dams are the best method to keep the flow out of the work area. There will be approx. one foot of stone under the bridge footing with a 21 foot wide bridge. Pete asked how long this project will take; approximately a two month project. The State Army Corp permit requires work to be done in the lake by Oct 15. The road will be closed for this time; there should not be traffic control costs. Pete asked about the use of the highway crew to reduce bridge costs; we could use them for trucking gravel and top soil to complete the project. The stone fill and bedding material could also be trucked by the town. Kyle advised this is a down time of the highway crew so they may have time to assist. Kyle asked about price of the bridge; Blow & Cote was much cheaper than most others, they have their own crane to set the bridge. Pete thanked Mr. Cote for coming.

Pete welcomed Denis and Court from Munson Earth-Moving. Pete asked about reducing the cost with the sheeting and coffer dam. Hope that the water level will be lower at the time of doing the project. The highway crew could assist with trucking and purchasing the needed product from our local supplier. We could complete the back filling of the bridge and seeding needed. We could install the guardrails ourselves as well. The project would take approx. 6 weeks to complete. Traffic control costs could be cut, plan to close the road. Guardrails have been shortened to allow access to the lake by the neighbors. The flow of the lake is hindered due to the restricted culverts; the erosion issues would be reduced drastically when the water level can be controlled better by the dam as designed. Munson thanked and exited the meeting.

Board discussed the details of the costs and flexibility of the contractor working with the highway crew to cut costs and stay within the budget of the town.

Member concerns:

Yvon discussed the Highgate Arena project; he has attended an Enosburg Selectboard meeting to invite them to join the tri-town project and plans to meet with the Sheldon Selectboard as well. Does the Town of Franklin want to work with these other towns or just take on the project with Highgate. Andy feels the Tri-town Recreation Board should be doing this work to get participation from other towns and this venture would have to go to the voters again. Wayne sees nothing wrong with speaking to other towns to see what their thoughts of involvement is.

Yvon would like to know what the "tree line agreement" was regarding the sand shed location with the previous boards that Hugh Gates has brought up.

Kyle/Yvon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All members voted in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk
July 9, 2013

These minutes are not official until approved at the Select board's next regular meeting. Approved by Selectboard on July 9, 2013.