

**MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD  
TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2013 @ 7:00  
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

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

**Guests:** Polly Gadbois, Larry Myott, Peter Benevento, Sheryl Garala, Jay & Penny Shepard, Bev Poissant, Dean Scott, Terry Wright

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

**Public Comments:** None

**LCCA:** Peter Benevento was welcomed to the meeting. He thanked the board and town for their time and support with all the Lake Carmi Days activities. They were a great success. Asked if the LCCA picks up garbage from the beach and leaves the bags at the end of Patton Shore Rd will the town dispose of it. Peter B asked what the schedule of the weed harvester was. Kyle advised there is no set schedule, the operator works when he can and has to do 300 hours of harvesting in designated areas. Peter B has been in touch with the state about expanding the allowed areas of harvesting as the milfoil has become bad in other areas as well. Kyle states the harvester is too small for our lake but it is all we have to work with. Peter B and the LCCA will be looking into options for a newer harvester.

Jay Shepard has concerns with the shoreline erosion on Dewing Rd; the work that has been done is being affected and washed out again. Wayne advised that the culvert/bridge will need to be replaced before you see any improvement on this issue. The high water level is affecting shoreline erosion due to the water restriction at the outlet. Kyle advised the board is working on this project to get done by this fall. Peter B asked about a road inventory of all the camp roads from which runoff affects lake quality. The board advises that they are working with Friends of Northern Lake Champlain to inventory all water runoff sources affecting the lake. Peter B suggests that some roads need to be reengineered to prevent sediment runoff to the lake.

Larry invites everyone to Squam Lake on Sept 14 with the Watershed and LCCA via bus to tour their lake restoration of a 100 year old lake that has resulted in a pristine quality lake.

**Enosburg Ambulance:** Dean Scott, Terry Wright and Polly Gadbois were welcomed to the meeting to discuss the ambulance services. Mr. Wright advises Enosburg wants to purchase a new ambulance. Mr. Scott states they would like to do a three year contract with the towns they service to assure participation for future planning. The board inquired what the status of a regional service was. Mr. Scott advises they are still working on a plan for a regional but nothing yet. Currently they serve Enosburg, Berkshire, Bakersfield, Franklin. A draft copy of the contract was given to the board for review and the rate proposal for three years. Franklin will see a drastic increase in costs in 2015 due to the ambulance Enosburg purchase being paid off. Members were thanked and exited.

**Minutes:** June 11 regular meeting, June 12 tri-town board meeting, June 20 Dewing Bridge bid opening, June 24 discuss bids, July 8 meet with Blow & Cote and Munson Earth-Moving regarding bids. Yvon/Wayne made a motion to approve the minutes as written with corrections. All members voted in favor, motion passed.

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

**Overweight permits:** Kyle reviewed and signed the overweight permits.

**Town Clerk Concerns:**

- **Library/office windows:** Lisa has spoken with Ben Weed who does preservation of old windows and such regarding several windows in our building that are in need of repair. Lisa has a quote of \$3,000 for repair of 6 windows. There is \$1940 in the window refurbishment fund for this purpose. Pete/Wayne made a motion to approve doing the work within the \$1900 of available funds at Lisa's discretion. All members voted in favor, motion passed.
- **Kelly Lane:** a resident of Kelly Lane has inquired about installing a "Dead End" road sign at the beginning of the road. Many people are going down the road that do not need to be there and dumping trash. The board is ok with them putting up a sign on their own post outside of the ROW as long as they have permission from the adjacent land owner.

- **Health Insurance:** Lisa discussed the VT Health Exchange information she has gotten. The board would like to get Pam from VLCT to come speak to them about the program and insurance options/rates. Lisa will invite Pam to a future meeting.
- **Heating fuel/LSD:** Lisa asked about the purchase of heating oil and LSD, we are currently purchasing from H.G. Berger. There has been a price savings with them of about \$7,000 with not doing a locked in price contract. The board is happy with the prices and service and would like to stay with H.G. Berger for the upcoming season.
- **6 month budget:** Lisa is working on the six month budget from January thru June for the upcoming town meeting. A 12 month budget will be looked at for year end.
- **Dog Ordinance:** updates tabled at this time.
- **Development Regulations:** updates tabled at this time.

#### Old Business:

- **Vacant Village Homes:** Lisa has spoken with Champlain Housing Trust (CHT) about the blight program and what that is about. The blight program offers funding for new development only in stagnant village areas, not for use of rehabilitating old homes. The town has the option by statute of offering a property tax break to home buyers as an incentive to get them into these village homes. There are other programs with CHT for low interest loans to home buyers for repairs and mortgage companies do have programs as well but the borrower must ask about them. The board feels the town cannot offer incentives at this time.
- **FFD Street light:** The fire department had requested a street light to be installed in front of their building several years ago. Franklin Telephone installed a new pole to be able to accommodate a street light. The board will look into the cost to install a new light at this location.
- **Dewing Bridge:** The board discussed meeting with Blow & Cote and Munson Earth-Moving on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup>. Both bids had come in much over the available funds of the town with the VTrans structures grant. Both parties were asked if they were willing to work with the highway crew to do some of the trucking and purchasing of materials needed to reduce their prices to be affordable for the town. Blow & Cote was willing to remove the cost for traffic control if the town would take care of that. They were not willing to be flexible on other costs. Munson Earth-Moving was open to the idea of working with the highway crew to truck for them and to allow us to purchase the fill materials locally on our contract. Franklin would also take care of traffic control and the final finish and seeding. The town would be responsible for the additional costs of trucking and product purchasing of gravel and stone. Yvon/Wayne made a motion to award a contract to Munson Earth-Moving and the town will be responsible for additional materials. Kyle will contact Munson to get a final contract. Lisa will advise them of the public hearing for the community on July 23 to attend for questions. Kyle also stated we have guardrails on hand at the town garage; will inquire if they could install them to cut costs. All members voted in favor, motion passed.

The board reviewed the current budget to see where they could reallocate funds from to complete this project.

The Board discussed the severe erosion that is taking place on Dewing Shore due to the extreme high waters. Kyle will be in touch with Steve Hanna or Alan May regarding the shore stabilization work done last year with the Better Back Roads grant that is failing due to the materials we were required to use.

- **Grissom Dog:** The Grissom's have been looking for an obedience trainer as required by the town for their dog. Lisa asked to check with the court to see if the fines have been paid yet if not Denis to pick-up dogs by July 12. Kyle will get a trainer contact for the Grissoms.

#### New Business:

- **Beaver Meadow Rd culvert:** Kyle advised that Harvey Bushey has concerns with the culvert/mud hole on Beaver Meadow Rd. Kyle as looked at and there is a concern at this culvert crossing, he will speak with Howard about looking at and possibly installing guardrails for traffic safety.

#### Selectboard folder:

- State of VT Fire Marshall permit has been approved and received for the sand shed.
- Demag Sealing: a quote has been received to crack seal the Hanna Rd and Browns Corner Rd to prevent water from getting under the pavement and causing damage. This item is tabled at this time as it was not budgeted for.
- Ernest Fortin/Mark St. Pierre have applied for four driveway permits-Howard has viewed and approved their location with 15" culverts, trim trees and brush for visibility. Yvon/Kyle made a motion to approve the four driveway permits; Peter signed. All members voted in favor, motion passed.

- Corey Road request: Sara Rainville, 911 Coordinator, has received a request from Roger Corey for a new road to be named "Corey Road off of Browns Corner Rd. This fits the necessary criteria. Kyle/Pete made a motion to adopt the road name "Corey Road". All members voted in favor, motion passed.

**Member Concerns:**

- Kyle advised the board that Ron Lontine has been with the town for 20 years as of June 8. The board will honor him at the next town meeting.
- Wayne stated he got a call from Donald Cooper on July 5<sup>th</sup> about the cannon that was being fired off at the Millpond Campground. Wayne advised him to call the police if need be as the town does not handle these types of issues.
- Lisa advised the e-mail newsletter list has been notified of the July 23 public hearings.
- Yvon has spoken with Katelyn from Historic Preservation regarding electrical and roof work on the town hall. There are grants for roofs and windows available which are awarding in December. Lisa will look into a committee to review the needs of the town hall and look into the grant further.
- Yvon has spoken with Steven Beauregard from St. Albans Town about the use of brine. They are using a mixture of brine with the sand when applied to paved roads; and mixed with chloride for dust control in the summer. It is working very well and is a huge cost savings. St. Albans has the equipment to produce their own product and would be willing to sell to Franklin for \$.20 per gal. The board will research further.
- Kyle states the beach stones have held up well and is fine with the LCCA cleaning up the garbage.
- Pete asked about the Forsyth blind driveway and if a sign had been ordered. He and Yvon have viewed the driveway location and visibility and feel a sign is not necessary. The guardrails need to be cleaned of dirt under and behind them to allow the water to flow off the roads.
- Kyle states he will ride around with Howard to view what is needed to be done; also cold patching the cracks on Browns Corner and Hanna Rd.
- Yvon would like a "thank you" to be sent to Brian Sartwell for cleaning out the corner of Dandurand Rd and Barnum Rd of the brush making visibility much better at this intersection.
- Yvon will speak with Andy Leduc about getting a quote for the sand shed work. Heath Wright has also been asked to quote the job. Need to get an anticipated start date, to start as soon as possible.

Kyle/Wayne made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All members voted in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk  
 July 11, 2013

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