

**MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2016 @ 7:00 P.M.
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Peter Magnant, Yvon Dandurand, Brooks Sturtevant, Ed Rainville, Andy Godin, Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk

GUESTS:

Howard Vanselette, Road Foreman; Terry Wright & Robert (Bob) Gleason, Enosburg Ambulance; Justin Rainville, FFD; Dan Larivee, Travis & Amy Adams, Paul Boudreau, Richard & Mary Boudreau, Mike Goetz, Brian Brooker, Chris Wagner, Roger Leduc, Jon Gates.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Peter Magnant. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

AGENDA ADMENDMENTS: Move Enosburg Ambulance to 7:05; Highway Dept to 7:30. Add to minutes-May 23 dog hearing. Add to Highway Dept-Towle Neighborhood culvert. Add to town clerk concerns-Lake Greeter Program, Dog warrant. All members in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Peter asks for those here for highway concerns to wait until that time. Jon Gates was present to ask permission of the board to close Beaver Meadow Rd to through traffic on July 1 from 6 pm to midnight for a wedding at his farm. Board states would need to put up road closed signs during the event and post for the week previous for advance notice as well. The board will discuss further and make a decision. Mr. Gates was thanked and exited. Roger Leduc spoke of the dust on Towle Neighborhood Rd-the applications done by the highway crew does not control the dust. There are lots of large trucks that travel the road and travel too fast. More work needs to be done on this road to control dust.

ENOSBURG AMBULANCE SERVICE (ERS): Bob Gleason and Terry Wright were welcomed to the meeting. Peter reviewed the current contract term the end June 30, 2017. The board has met with and asked Amcare for a quote on a three and five year contract. Would like to have Enosburg Ambulance also submit a quote; Peter asks if there are any concerns or complaints from ERS. Bob states they are doing free clinics at the Homestead for residents for blood pressure tests; entering life information of residents into their system. They are working to become a paramedic unit. Peter asks to have a quote by fall-November to consider for the FY17 budgets. Terry states they work well with the Franklin fire dept. Yvon states Enosburg Rescue should be automatically notified if there is an emergency at the Homestead. Peter advises the board will discuss options necessary for the town and costs. Bob advises they will continue to do the subscription service; fire department members get a free subscription. Peter-would like to do emergency fire drills at the Homestead, Mark Toof has been working on; Bob will speak with him. Enosburg has done such a drill at their facility and are willing to assist and perform. Justin Rainville entered at 7:25 and discussed the Homestead drills; if ERS is not available who would be called to cover? Bob states the closest station-Richford, Amcare, MVRs. The board thanked Bob and Terry and they exited the meeting.

HIGHWAY DEPT:

Towle Neighborhood culvert: Peter asks for no personal feelings; just for what happened.

Howard-was against the town paying for and was not getting involved.

Roger Leduc-does not see issue of where water is going.

Travis Adams-has never seen water back-up there

Mike Goetz-as an abutter has concern with more than water drainage; is this area classified as wetlands. Concern about house building

Andy Godin-not necessarily wetland may just be a wet area.

Amy Adams-spoke with Brock from ANR, they visited the site and advised that the land appears to be a forested wetland, will advise.

Peter advised it should have gone through the board to do this work. Have to approve projects and give notice to road residents. May have to revisit the work done.

Dan Larivee-no desire to drain the wetland and not intending to build a house.

Travis Adams-not concerned with wetlands; someone changed something that was working ok, culvert size and reworked.

Dan Larivee-will take care of cost to revisit and correct. Did not do anything intentional to stir people up.

Mike Goetz-it is wet getting into the back field for Chris.

Howard has gone up and put down some stone and will go again to check on.

Roger-asks about weight limit signs posted on this rd; Howard advised Stanley Rd and Dewing Rd are posted at both ends, making this one the same limit.

Chris-culvert was above the water line and Dan had spoken with him about fixing it; Chris agreed. The excavator was there so it was done and dropped about 1 ½ ft-fixed his ditches as well to carry more water on his land.

Peter asked about hitting ledge; Dan advised no ledge; put a bigger culvert, now 18", old one was damaged.

Richard advised need to tamp down and fill by layers; Chris advised there is a slight drop in the road.

Amy-need to check the size standards for culverts; Howard says is 18".

Travis-may want to speak with ANR first before doing more work. Yvon states the board wants to do it correctly.

Dan-did not want to interfere much with land outside of culvert; left at minimum and seeded and hayed to prevent washing. Peter states the board was not aware of work being done.

Richard-need to chloride right away after grading. Howard spoke with Chris about coordinating chloride with field spreading/work.

Paul-need to grade the road not just scrape; need to get down to the bottom of the holes. Pull in the road edges to crown the road.

Chris discussed the application of chloride to be more frequent with some roads.

Speed limit was discussed; Amy advised it is posted to be 35 mph. Everyone was thanked for coming and exited the meeting.

Traffic Ordinance: Peter advised this is the second meeting that was warned to add Scott Rd. to the ordinance as posted for 35 mph. Howard has put up new signs to replace the old faded ones. The speed limit will now be enforceable with the ordinance change. Brooks/Yvon made the motion to set the speed limit to 35 mph for Scott Rd as amended in the Traffic Ordinance. All members voted in favor, motion passed. Board signed the ordinance.

Morses Line Culvert: Peter spoke about the meeting with Jim Cota at the site; Ed and Andy attended the meeting. Callie Ewald, VTrans engineer, is trained in technology of finding hollows in roads. Ed states the indent of the road is across the entire culvert top; thinking there are not hollows that would make a hole. Andy advised the water flows under the culvert as much as through. Ed feels there is no benefit of soil testing; estimates there is 4 ft of soil on top of culvert. Howard has been measuring the drop and it has not moved recently. Need to consider a temporary fix to get us by; will need to be engineered; Jim Cota states it will need to be replaced eventually; it may be 4-6 year to get funded as a project working with NRPC and VTrans. Yvon asks about weight limit restrictions. Ed states that Jim advised of a temporary bridge and liner to the existing culvert. The board asked Howard to fill the dip with cold patch and consider a temporary lowering of the speed limit to 25; Peter will speak with Jim Cota about a temporary speed reduction; weight limit and large signs for the area. Lisa will invite Jim Smith, Engineer, to the next board meeting and ask for a site visit with Howard before to review the situation. Howard was thanked and exited the meeting.

Dewing Road intersection with Towle Neighborhood: Scott Kohornen and Corinna Stanley were present; concerned with speed and people going off the road into their fields at this corner. Work needs to be done on this intersection to make it safer. Peter advised may not pave this year depending on grant; but will rework before paving/resurfacing is done. Corinna asked Ed about tree cutting in the ROW; have a tree of concern and will assist town in removal once cut. Scott and Corinna were thanked and exited the meeting.

MINUTES: Yvon/Ed made the motion to accept and approve the minutes of May 18 regular meeting and May 23 dog hearing as written. Add Andy in attendance at May 23. All members in favor, motion passed.

TOWN CLERK CONCERNS:

- Dave Vanselette from Middle Rd has voiced interest in the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Ed/Andy nominated Dave Vanselette to the ZBA; all members in favor. Lisa will notify Mr. Vanselette.
- Lake Greeter program; Perry Thomas from the VT Lakes and Ponds has contacted Lisa about the Lake Greeter program and assisting to sponsor the position for the State. In the past the FWC has received a grant for this program, but did not this year. The State

would like to see a greeter at the lake and will reimburse the cost. Lisa will invite Perry Thomas to the 15th meeting to discuss the details of a contract for consideration.

- Dog warrant: Lisa presented a list of unlicensed dogs and a warrant to be given to Dennis, Animal Control. Peter signed the warrant of unlicensed dogs.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Junk ordinance**/burning/solid waste disposal-tabled at this time. Ed asked about the Russin property on Hanna Rd that has many old vehicles parked around; need a written complaint to act upon; to send a letter and notices.
- **Weed Harvester operators:** Brooks has spoken with Kyle Lothian and he is not interested. Ed's nephew is interested; he will invite him to the June 15th meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

SELECTBOARD FOLDER: letter from Carroll & Broe, law firm, regarding closed files of the town; may be destroyed.

MEMBER CONCERNS/OTHER BUSINESS:

Andy-Marc Dandurand has offered to lease to the town the quarry on Browns Corner Rd for stone; would charge \$1/yard of materials taken. Could hire Roger Wright to go in and crush. Board will look into the requirements of a quarry for the town and associated costs.

Ed-has priced backhoes; 446 Cat and 710 John Deere. Cat has a long wheel base; John Deere will allow trying on site for a while. Yvon has spoken with Beauregard Equipment and Nortrax. They both do not recommend a backhoe to replace a loader; more pivot points to maintain and will not be happy with using; hard to see while loading. Ed sees keeping to loader as well and having a backhoe for backup and would pay for itself rather than hiring an excavator for all our digging work.

Brooks has had a resident concerned with the stop sign on Lake/Middle Rd. Ed feels the bushes are of more concern when coming off Middle Rd to the right; cannot see down Morses Line Rd. Yvon-chloride application and how other towns are applying. Grader school for highway crew; Lisa will check into. Flashing lights/speed signs for Lake Rd. Lisa has inquired with a letter to VTrans about the speed reduction and these signs on Lake Rd; have not heard back yet.

Peter-invite Perry Thomas, VT Lakes and Ponds regarding dam updates and rules as well as the Lake Greeter program. Also invite LCCA.

Yvon-fire department response time is of concern with emergencies such as recent Homestead fire alarm activation.

Peter-discussion of two ambulance services that have been presented. Tree next to the band stand on Main St is dead and should be removed; Lisa will contact VEC for removal.

Peter-discussed the request of Jon Gates to close Beaver Meadow Rd from 6 pm-midnight on July 1 for a wedding. Brooks/Yvon made a motion to close Beaver Meadow Rd for a wedding from 6-midnight. All in favor, motion passed.

Lisa asked about the 225 yr memorial tree that the Historical Society had requested to plant. The board approved but wants input as to where and what kind. Invite Bryant to next meeting.

Peter-asks about the status of the pillars; Yvon needs to speak with Henry.

Brooks/Ed made the motion to adjourn at 10:13 p.m.. Motion carried, all in favor.

THE NEXT MEETING DATE WILL BE JUNE 15, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk
June 6, 2016

These minutes are not official until approved at the Selectboard's next regular meeting. These minutes were approved at the June 15 board meeting with amendments.