

**MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD
TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2012
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

Members Present: Peter Magnant, Yvon Dandurand, Kyle Lothian, Wayne Laroche, Lisa Larivee (Town Clerk/Treasurer)

Guests: Tim Smith, FCIDC; Larry Myott, Leonard Larose, Bob Lumnah, Pete Benevento, LCCA.

Peter Magnant called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

No public comments:

Minutes:

Minutes of May 8, May 11, May 22 combined, and June 7, Yvon/Wayne made the motion to approve all of the listed minutes as written and read. No comments. All members voted in favor 4-0, motion passed.

Franklin County Industrial Development-Tim Smith:

Tim Smith entered the meeting to discuss the work of the FCIDC. They have been promoting to the Canadian market to recruit industrial business to the local area with much success. FCIDC is working with Canada on greater travel/tourism, diversified ag-business, and industrial development. Work continues with the Morses Line Border crossing to remain open and to expand the hours of both ports of entry. The St. Albans Messenger will do an insert next week on diversified agriculture markets in the county to promote and make the public more aware of their businesses. The FCIDC is working on a person/team to support and promote the agricultural business development. There are many projects going on in the St. Albans area currently; St. Albans Coop expansion, Mylan, PBM, Peerless.

Tim thanked for coming to the meeting and exited.

LCCA:

The members of the LCCA entered the meeting to discuss the 4th of July activities that they have planned. Bob Lumnah asked the board members for permission to install a dock at the north end beach for the week's events; need to promote the north beach/water front area for the area markets and resources. Leonard Larose would lease the 55 foot of docks to the town for \$1 and our insurance would cover the liability. He would install and remove and be responsible for the public use of the docks. Docks are needed for the 4th of July week but would also like to see them stay for the entire summer. Mr. Larose would try it for one year to see how it works until the week after Labor Day. The State F&G will also install docks at the boat launch next year for public use. The Select Board will look into the insurance and get back to the LCCA.

Mr. Benevento inquired on the status of the Beach Committee. Kyle is also a member of the committee and would like to meet again to discuss potential projects for the beach. The board discussed the beach committee organization. The beach committee is a sub-committee created on their own behalf to investigate uses and potential ideas for the beach and report to the Select Board their ideas. The Select Board has the final say on decisions with the beach. Pete Benevento will work on scheduling a meeting to get together and plans to clean the beach area before the 4th of July week. Larry Myott advises that they have spoken with VT State Police and the Sherriff Dept for presence if needed during the fire works for safety concerns.

The Weed Committee has concerns with the open line of communication with the board for projects of lake quality. LCCA was disappointed that no board members attended their many meetings with information of the control application. They are still looking at options for weed control. Peter Magnant also voiced concern regarding statements made about town meeting by the LCCA in their April newsletter. LCCA state they went to the town meeting with a plea for weed control application and the opposition presented a campaign of mis-information and LCCA was not allowed to rebut. Peter states that was not so and LCCA was given the opportunity to speak as well as other residents

Peter Benevento is working with the Watershed Group and they have hired an engineer to do buffer/shoreline work. Mary Viens has been called about the culvert/erosion issue at the Dewing Rd corner. The Dewing Rd corner culvert issue is created by a bigger problem with the upper road culvert that needs to be looked at.

Lisa will check on the insurance for the docks and the lease needs. The board does not want any wooden docks used. Wayne will speak with Mr. Larose.

Town Clerk's Concerns:

- **Banking:** The general/highway checking account has been moved to Community National Bank for better service. The board must authorize the ACH banking agreement and the chair to sign. Kyle/Yvon made a motion to authorize the ACH agreement and Peter to sign. 4-0 All in favor. Discussion on the Line of Credit needs in anticipation of taxes. Peter/Kyle made the motion to borrow as a line of credit \$100,000 at 2.25% in anticipation of taxes from Community National Bank. 4-0 All members voted in favor.
- **Generator agreement/contract for maintenance:** Milton CAT has always done a contract for service/maintenance at \$675.00 in 2012. Lisa advised in 2011 Milton CAT did the inspection and determined that work needed to be done at an additional cost of \$940. The work was looked at by Dana Stetson who felt it was not needed as this time. Mr. Stetson is willing to do the yearly inspections and service at a much lesser cost. The board agreed to not renew the contract with Milton CAT and hire local servicemen. Lisa will do a letter and copy the school to let them know.
- **Lister license:** The State of VT has a license agreement and fee for the appraisal/lister tables of values used for the assessment of properties. The cost is \$231.85. The board signed the agreement.
- **Dog Warrant:** Lisa has presented a warrant and list of unlicensed dogs to be picked up by Animal Control. Peter signed and Lisa will forward to Denis.
- **Letters to Franklin Tel, Sally Hull, Rolland Rainville, and Betty Hubbard,** village property owners, that are identified in the Septic Feasibility study as being potential sites for systems, to personally invite them to the June 21 meeting. Yvon/Wayne made a motion to accept the letters and Peter to sign and send out. 4-0 All in favor.
- The Town Clerk's office will be closed on Wed, July 4 for the holiday.

Bills/Financial statement:

Bills were reviewed and signed. Financial report distributed and reviewed.

Old Business:

- **Dog update** on the Demar dog that have not been picked up yet. Denis is waiting for the search warrant from the court to be issued. Denis will follow up with VSP.
- **RFP for the culvert/bridge work on Dewing Rd** was discussed and reviewed. Also discussed the lake level as controlled by the Millpond Dam. The State has specs on the dam and controls the level/operation of the dam.
- **Dewing Shore stabilization:** tabled until next month.
- **Beach Ordinance:** Reviewed the ordinance with suggested changes. Kyle/Wayne made a motion to adopt the ordinance as written for the North Beach. 4-0 All in favor, motion passed.
- **Development Regulations:** The board discussed the draft regulations and will review in detail with the Planning Commission and NRPC at the June 19 meeting. Plan to hold the public hearing in July.
- **Summer paving projects:** Kyle has spoken with Howard on getting bids from Pike, ECI and ST Paving for the work that needs to be done this summer. Anticipate that the prices have dropped due to the cost of oil.
- **Guardrails:** The guardrails need to be weed wacked and cut back of brush.

New Business:

- **Dog Ordinance:** Discussed updating the ordinance. Tabled to the next meeting. Lisa will look at Highgate and Montgomery ordinances to compare with our draft.
- **Personal Policy:** Lisa has updated the policy and given a draft to the board. Will review and discuss adoption in July.
- **Church sidewalk:** The Lothian family memorial has donated funds to replace the front steps and sidewalk of the church on Main St. Polly has inquired if the town would like to replace the sidewalk that runs parallel to Main St in front of the church, from the town hall driveway to the church driveway at the same time. Discussed costs to do this work. Wayne/Kyle made a motion to accept the bid not to exceed \$1500.00 and the highway crew is available to assist if needed. 4-0 All members voted in favor, motion passed. Lisa will also look into applying for a transportation enhancement grant to replace all the sidewalks on Main St.
- **Mark Labrie** has submitted a permit from VT Electric Coop for an overhead line on Hanna Rd. All members approved and Peter signed.

- **NRPC board** has a meeting at the Homestead dining room on June 19 at 6:30 for final approval of the town plan. They will also meet with the Planning Commission and Select Board to discuss the draft Development Regulations.
- **Resignation of Selectboard and Road Commissioner:** A letter from Mike Lawyer has been received to resign from the board and road commissioner due to personal work responsibilities. Kyle/Yvon made a motion to accept the resignation. Yvon will do a letter of thanks to Mike. The board must warn the vacancy and appoint another member until town meeting at such times as the position can be filled. Lisa will post the vacancy and board will discuss reappointment at the July meeting.
- **Road Commissioner:** Peter/Yvon made a motion to appoint Kyle as road commissioner for the rest of the year. Kyle is willing to take to position. 3-0 motion passed, Kyle abstains.
- **State of VT Salt contract:** Kyle has received an email regarding the purchase of salt on the State of VT contract for the upcoming winter.
- **Fire Dept parking lot** work has begun. The old building foundation was removed and proper fill will be replaced.
- **Scott Rd:** Kyle has met with Mark Johnson regarding the work to be done on the Scott Rd/Middle Rd corner. Jim Cota from VTrans will be coming to inspect and engineer the corner to resolve the issues at hand.
- **Highway Crew:** Kyle has been working with the crew in Mike's absence. Discussed the crew's responsibilities.

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- **Dan Clark:** A driveway permit has been submitted for a cut on Morses Line Rd. The board reviewed and approved, Kyle signed.
- **Domina property:** The abandoned property on Messier Rd was discussed and a letter done. The truck that was in the ROW has been removed.
- **Dog complaints:** Sandra Lewis complaint regarding the Grissom dog. Town Clerk will do a letter to the Grissom's.
Stacey Bishop complaint regarding the Barrette dog. Town Clerk will do a letter to the Barrette's.
Carol Dunphy complaint regarding the Taylor Forty dogs. Town Clerk will do a letter to Taylor.
Sandy Jones complaint regarding the horses of the Ovitt's. Lisa will do a letter to the Ovitt's and advise they must pay for or repair the damaged lawn on Ms. Jones and keep their horses on their property.

Members Concerns:

- Yvon asked about the chloride applications and how those are going. Kyle advised it is being done. Sweeping of the road sides on Browns Corner Rd should be done as the grass is growing over the roads edge and will prevent water from running off the pavement. Rinkers Communication has phone Yvon regarding installing a cell tower in Franklin. They have an investor who is looking to install 100 cell towers around the state.
- Lisa discussed the Library windows and screens that need some work. Screens need to be painted and reinstalled properly. There is also a window that does not open. Kyle will look at.
- Select board/Road commissioner pay for Mike. The compensation will be prorated for the 3 months of service.
- Tri-town Committee update was given by Peter. A contract has been signed with Wyman for the engineer study on the facility. In July the committee will meet with VLCT, Jim Barlow, on guidance of how to develop a legal entity for a joint arena.
- Peter Magnant will call Cross Consulting to set up a meeting for the work to be done at the garage on water runoff and the sand shed.
- Kyle discussed the grader work and equipment needs.

Kyle/Wayne made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All members voted in favor 4-0, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk
June 15, 2012

These minutes are not official until approved at the Select board's next regular meeting.

Minutes were approved by the Select board July 10, 2012.