

MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD

WEDNESDAY, June 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
Town Clerk's Office

Members Present:

Peter Magnant, Yvon Dandurand, Andy Godin, Ed Rainville and Sandi Murphy (minute taker)

Guests:

Perry Thomas, ANC/DEC/Watershed Management Div., Lakes and Ponds Program; Eric Davis, an associate of Perry's, River Ecologist; Howard Vanslette from the Road Crew; Trooper Maurice Lamothe from the State Police; Jessica Draper from the Franklin Watershed Coordinator; Sue Clark and Bryant J Reynolds from the Franklin Historical Society; Morgan Rainville , new weed Harvester operator.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Peter Magnant. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda Amendments:

Under Town Clerk concerns we will take up a request for a new road name for a 911 address; and discuss the Jenny Barn inquiry about fireworks. Under Old Business we will discuss the Lake Road reply from the State on the speed limit. Under New Business we will address the winter salt contract. Under Item #7 we will interview Morgan for the weed Harvester position.

There is no Public comment.

Approval of June 1, 2016 minutes:

Yvon/Ed made motion to approve the minutes. Discussion followed. Yvon questioned some wording. The following changes were made: Under Enosburg Ambulance Service the word terms was changed to term; June 31 was changed to 30; half way down the paragraph the word "together" was stricken and with (Franklin) Fire Dept. was added. Yvon added, "to have EAS automatically notified if there is an Emergency at the Homestead." Under Highway Dept.: the fourth line down starting with Dan was stricken; on the sixth line after semi colon, is "this area classified as" was added before the word wetlands and " behind there and does not feel it is necessary" was stricken. On the line beginning with Amy, after the word advised "that the land" was added. Under Morses Line Culvert: first line after the word Ed, " and Andy attended the meeting" was added and " was there as well" was stricken. The motion was amended to accept the June 1, 2016 minutes as amended. Vote was called- Motion carried - All in favor.

Perry Thomas - VT Lakes and Ponds

Re: Lake Greeter Program. Peter asked what the Town Of Franklin's roll will be. Perry responded that the town would be expected to hire a Greeter for boat users of Lake Carmi. John McHugh is interested. And one slot for a Grant is left. Lisa has filled out the Grant Application. Lisa figures \$4060.44 would be the amount needed. (\$1694. would come from the Grant Fund and a \$2366.44 match is available.) Perry said this is an Educational endeavor; boat inspections and data collection. Perry said John had prepared a detailed report at the end of last summer. Peter asked if the Program is cost effective. Perry said the consensus is "yes". They are hoping someday to have a Greeter Program at Lake Carmi State Park with a wash area. She said John would report to the Town thru Lisa. Yvon/Andy made the motion to approve

submitting the Lake Greeter Program Grant Application and hiring a person to do the job. The motion carried with a vote of 3-1. Ed feels the program does not go far enough.

MILLPOND DAM UPDATE - the Watershed Management Division received a letter from the Franklin Selectboard concerning the Dam management and the structure. Mr. Byam has been managing the dam with Division input. Peter wanted some History on the Dam. Eric Davis of the Watershed Management Div. said the data goes back to 1964 when rules governing service levels for Lakes and Ponds in VT were established. In 1990 the rules were updated. In 1991 the LCCA talked with the wetlands program. In 1992 a 6" drawdown was Permitted. That Permit expired in 1995. Currently there is no water level management or Permit. This summer the Dam Safety Program will look at Millpond Dam and make recommendations in their report. So the level will then be set and not changed. The lip of the dam is 435' above sea level and that is considered the normal Lake Carmi level. The waterwheel was discussed and it is operational and used in times of flooding to lower the water level. Mr. Byam will be updated. The box culvert will be marked with the dam level. Perry Thomas said if Franklin Town wants to manage the Dam, the town needs to petition the ANR, Dept. of Environmental Conservation, Watershed Management Division, Lakes and Ponds Program with this request.

Franklin Watershed

Jessica Draper updated the SB. The Grant amount is \$10,500 for the Storm water grant at the Highway garage. Then Jessica said several changes have been made to the Festival agenda. The Town Hall will be used. Peter explained why the parking lot will not be used. Peter asked about "sampling" tributaries in the village. Jessica said they are NOT the sampling police.

Highway Department

- Morses Line culvert update - Andy and Howard V. met with Jim Smith concerning this project. Howard handed out the specs for the proposed culvert; he is checking with Tatro's and St. Onge for estimates. Andy said there may be Grant money available thru Jim Cota. The inlet should be increased 6-8". Chris Burnell needs to approve this project. Peter thinks the town needs to continue to pursue a Grant to fix this problem permanently.
- Traffic Ordinance amendments - Towle Neighborhood Road. Under Article #6 - TH 29 needs to be added. Peter said this will need to be revisited.
- Towle Neighborhood Road culvert review - Yvon said the culvert is caving in on the "wetland" side because the center is higher than both ends. Howard V. will monitor this.
- Dandurand Pit - stone - Howard has not had a chance to look into this. Andy said Heath Wright said they do not have a big enough stone crusher. There is a consensus that the stone needs to be crushed fine enough. Peter mentioned there is sand build up on the side of the roads and this should be cleaned off. Peter asked what is going on with Webster Road. Howard said the road has been graveled and graded. Roads get chlorinated after grading. Ed asked if the mower has a strobe light. Andy said it has a light, but he's not sure if it is a strobe light.

Weed Harvester Operator Review

Morgan was in to visit. Andy asked if he knew how to swim. Morgan said yes. Brook is the weed harvester overseer on the Franklin SB. Peter asked if Morgan had taken the Boater Safety Course. Yes he has. Ed spoke in favor of Morgan. Peter wanted to remind Morgan he would be an Agent of the town and in the public eye. It was left that Brook would be in touch with Morgan to set up a schedule.

Town Clerk Concerns

- Paint town hall door? This was discussed briefly. Re: the clapboard repair on the north side, the primer coat is on. Peter said the Town would not be painting the door. The clapboards should be repaired by someone with carpenter skills. Ed will look at it.
- Bryant J Reynolds - Historical Society Tree at the Veterans Park - Sue Clark called H&B Nursery for suggestions. They want a blossom, but no droppings. A dwarf lilac was suggested as it blossoms in May in time for Memorial Day and has no droppings. This will be planted by the Civil War Monument. Peter believes \$250. has been set aside for this.
- Peter asked Trooper Lamothe why he was here. He stated he is going around to all the Town Selectboard meetings in his District to introduce himself and ask if the town has any concerns he may be able to help with. Peter mentioned four wheeler issues from time to time. Trooper Lamothe said this was an issue in most towns. It's important to have rules in place to help deal with abusers.
- 911. Road name request- Sara Rainville, the 911 E Coordinator wants Birch Hill as a new name for a private drive. Yvon/ Andy made a motion to accept Sara's request to name the private drive "Birch Hill". The motion carried with all in favor.
- Jenny's Barn - Question on needing a Fireworks Permit. Is one needed? It was decided the Selectboard needs more information and perhaps the neighbors should be notified.

Review and sign bills

All reviewed the bills folder and signed off on them.

Old Business

Junk Ordinance review- we took a look at Highgate's wording; should we look at St Albans town? Re: burning and solid waste disposal. Revisit this.

Lake Road reply on speed limit letter - Peter read aloud the letter from the State. No one agrees with the State's conclusion. Peter offered to draft a reply letter.

New Business

Weed Harvester weed dump site needed- Ed suggested Lisa call Peter Kittell and inquire if he has a spot where the weeds can be dumped.

Re: Winter salt contract with Cargill - Discussion ensued. It was decided to take this matter up again at the July 6, 2016 meeting.

SELECTBOARD Folder

The Demag sealing quote was reviewed. Basically it's estimated to cost \$5525. for 6500' of sealing cracks on a stretch of Morses Line Rd to Messier Road. Yvon/ Ed made a motion to accept the bid and have the work done. The motion carried with all in favor.

Peter wanted to remind everyone that the Selectboard will be meeting with the Planning Commission on 6-21-2016 regarding a DRB.

Member Concerns/ Other Business

Andy- no concerns

Ed - no concerns

Yvon- who owns the Kubota tractor? Who repairs it? Peter said the school owns it and the town repairs it. Yvon got a quote of \$280. to replace the cowl. Peter suggests we go ahead and replace it. Ed/ Andy made a motion to do this repair. The motion carried with all in favor. (It was suggested this be taken out of the shop and tools line item in the budget.)

Peter- Peter wants to skip the July 20, 2016 SB Meeting. All were in agreement.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 p.m. by Ed/ Andy. The motion carried with all in favor.

The next meeting will be July 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandi Murphy

Minute Taker

June 15, 2016

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

These minutes were approved at the July 6 board meeting.