

**MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2015 @ 7:00 P.M.
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

Members Present: Peter Magnant, Yvon Dandurand, Ed Rainville, Brooks Sturtevant, Andrew Godin and Sara Rainville, Asst. Town Clerk.

Guests: Howard Vansette, Corinna Stanley, Jean Richard, Pam Greene, Hugh Gates, Katy Lord, Kim Gates-Maynard, Burt Maynard, Sheriff Robert Norris, Gilbert Dewing

Peter Magnant called the meeting to order at 7:01p.m. The pledge of allegiance was said.

Agenda amendments: Moved Town Hall boundaries to after Homestead Drive, all in favor, agenda amended.

Public Comments: None

Minutes: Brooks/Yvon made the motion to approve the June 3, 2015 minutes with minor changes. Vote taken, all in favor, passed 4-0, Andrew abstained.

Highway Department:

***Colton Road/Stanley Road Intersection:**

Richard Boudreau would like the intersection made into a "T" from the current "Y", feels that the visibility would be better as you enter onto Stanley Road. Boy suggested also taking down the large ash tree near the intersection, which would also help with visibility. Board discussed and will contact VTrans to have them do a site visit and get their recommendations.

Richard also noted that the black top at south end of Towle Neighborhood Road is breaking up, should either be fixed or removed then can be graded. Andrew agreed, there is a long apron from the intersection that can be cut then fill brought in.

Burt Maynard and Kim Gates-Maynard entered the meeting.

***Homestead Drive:**

Howard stated that he had received a quote from Pike Industries for the paving of Homestead Drive from Main Street/120 to just past the entrance to the Homestead, by the stop sign. The quote is for 1/2" overlay on existing black top then 2 1/2" over the part of the road that has been dug up. Quote was for 125 ton, cost to be split 3 ways. Discussed the width that should be paved 20' vs 22'. Howard stated that he has left messages for other paving company's and no one has returned his calls, this happens every year. Jean Richard discussed the possibility of having paving done in the Homestead/Carriage house parking lot, Burt Maynard from Franklin Telephone mentioned they may want paving done as well.

Katy Lord (for Franklin Watershed) entered the meeting.

Brooks/Yvon made the motion to sign the contract with Pike Industries to pave Homestead Drive from Main Street/Route 120 to just past the entrance to the Homestead, by the stop sign, at \$73.93 per ton, all in favor, motion passed 5-0.

Old Business:

***Town Hall Boundaries:**

Ed stated that Ricky Calderwood from the church on Main Street had been in contact with the Town about the cutting of dead/dying trees behind the veteran's park and who owned the land. Hugh Gates stated that he and Priscilla Gates own the land where the trees in question are located.

Highway Department Continued:

***Pidgeon Hill Road Culvert:**

Peter would like to know what other options the board has to replace the failing culvert; the Town has received an emergency grant in the amount of \$404,000 with a proposed project cost of \$449,000 according to the hydraulic study that was done by the State.

Sheriff Robert Norris and Gilbert Dewing entered the meeting; Hugh, Kim and Burt exited the meeting.

Howard would like to fix the culvert one side at a time leaving one lane open to traffic at all times, that may not be feasible now with the recent hydraulic study done. He noted that the culvert was

installed in 1994, it's not rotten, just was installed incorrectly. Peter read the options for replacement that are noted in the hydraulic study. Howard has spoken to Jim Marshall with the State about the use of a temporary bridge during construction, can be rented for \$100 per month. Ed felt that all avenues for replacement should be explored before any decisions are made about the replacement/project.

Board agreed that Peter will work with Lisa on write up for bid posting for project engineering.

Dewing Road Issues:

Sheriff Robert Norris and Gilbert Dewing were welcomed to the meeting. Robert gave a history of what occurs during bull pout fishing season along the Dewing Road lake front. Corinna stated drinking is a problem too, not just the campfires lining the shore. Robert stated the Town has a right of way with the road but the Dewing's own the land/lake frontage. Gilbert would like to post the land to keep people from having the campfires and parking all along the road way. The board, Robert and Gilbert all agreed to Gilbert placing signs up that say "PRIVATE PROPERTY- NO CAMP FIRES" and include his name and phone number on them as well along his shore property.

Robert updated on the board on recent patrol hours, areas and schedules. ATV's on roadways was also discussed.

Peter thanked Robert and Gilbert and they exited the meeting along with Corinna, Pam, Jean & Richard.

Highway Department Continued:

Howard noted that road side mowing began this week, some places have received 2-3 passes with the mower; should take about a week to complete depending on weather.

Peter questioned if the guardrails had been sprayed yet; Howard responded that had been done Monday and he would trim the back sides to get rid of remaining brush.

FWC/Lake Wise Program:

Katy Lord, Watershed Technician with Franklin Watershed Committee was welcomed to the meeting. Katy gave an overview of the Lake Wise Program; discussed the technical and financial assistance to camp owners; the program is funded with grants through ANR with a 80/20 cost share.

The next Franklin Watershed Committee meeting just June 18, 2015.

The board thanked Katy and she exited the meeting.

Bills & Year End Financials:

Board reviewed and signed;

Question arose about Town clock bill and Sara gave update. Andrew will speak to Jeremy Barnum about cleaning the clock attic space and installing screen to keep birds out.

Town Clerk Concerns:

- **Weed Harvester Grant Agreement:** Ed/Yvon made the motion to accept and authorize board chair to sign, all in favor, motion passed. Discussion was had on harvesting hours and maintenance hours.
- **Grand List 2014final:** All in favor of signing, all members signed.
- **Financial Management Questionnaire:** completed by Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk, document needs to be reviewed by select board. Board reviewed and all in favor of chair signing, Peter signed.
- **Tractor Rental Agreement:** Agreement between Town of Franklin and Peter Kittell for tractor rental to be used with weed harvester at Lake Carmi. Motion made by Brooks/Yvon to approve agreement between Town of Franklin and Peter Kittell for tractor rental at \$50 per day of use and for chair to sign. All in favor, motion passed 5-0, Peter signed. Peter Kittell's tractor was brought to the lake today, June 17, 2015.

Old Business Continued:

- **Lawn mower:** Yvon noted that the lawn mower was picked up at Franklin Rental Tuesday and is at the highway garage. Financing and payment terms were discussed.
- **Park and Ride closure:** Board discussed, no action taken.
- **Town Hall Project:** Ed is very pleased with the work that was done on the roof; he has also meet with electrician Eric Rainville. Eric stated that there is some electric work that needs to be done ASAP and he has also made other recommendations on potential issues. He will be getting Ed a quote for everything. Brooks/Yvon made the motion to do emergency

electrical repairs at the Town Hall not to exceed \$690; all in favor, motion passed 5-0. Ed will set up work with Eric. Ed also mentioned that the back fascia needs to be re-nailed as many places it's just blowing in the wind. Andrew will talk to Jeremy Barnum about fixing fascia.

New Business:

None.

Selectboard folder:

- Salt prices: discussed by no definite price available yet
- Winter Sand: board would like highway department to haul this summer so sand has time to dry
- Municipal park & Ride Grant 2016- no interest
- Lake Carmi Greeter-there is a greeter at the North Beach boat launch; Peter Benevento of the Lake Carmi Campers Association inquired with the Town Clerk's Office as to if the greeter could pick trash up on the Town beach and have the Town pick it up; board agreed to have highway department pick up bagged trash on Monday mornings at north end boat launch/beach. Sara will let Peter now of board's decision.
- email from Dolores Eckert, Drinking Water & Ground water protections division requesting meeting with Peter Magnant, Select board chair & Chris Ferland, health officer; select board would like Robert Irish, Zoning Administrator for Town to take select board chairs place at this meeting, Robert should schedule meeting and invite Chris Ferland
- No grant paving funds awarded to the Town of Franklin for 2015
- Americorp will be in Franklin doing work with the Franklin Watershed August 3-August 14
- copy of VTrans letter regarding intersection of Route 120/Main Street, Middle Road and Morses Line Road to be sent to Mario from June 3, 2015 meeting, original letter was sent to Jim Cota.
- Pidgeon Hill culvert was discussed; funding, replacement options and cost. Board would like Jim Marshall invited to June 30, 2015 select board meeting to discuss further.

Member Concerns:

- Andrew has purchased 3 buoys to define the swim area at the Town beach, the buoys from last year were lost/destroyed. Board agreed to reimburse him for the expense, he will submit a receipt to clerk's office.
- Ed discussed his concerns along Dewing Road in regards to fishing, camp fires and drinking.
- Brooks updated the board on his research for the water district about an income survey being conducted on village water system users. Also noted that the weed harvester has been out harvesting for 42 hours so far in June, the machine will move from the south shore to the north end of the lake next week.
- Yvon discussed harvesting hours vs maintenance hours on the harvester; the machine is becoming less and less efficient. Yvon has spoken with Craig at Aquamarine about the new harvester, it has been fabricated and will be painted next then assembled; Yvon has been told it will be at least another 3 weeks before it gets delivered to Franklin.
- Peter is concerned with the cracks on Browns Corner Road that were previously sealed/filled. Andrew will get quotes for the crack sealing of Browns Corner Road. The board appointed Andrew & Ed to review the quotes and approve the one of their choosing if the cost is reasonable.
- Gravel prices, types and availability were discussed.

Joint select board meeting with Franklin Homestead Inc. June 24, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in Franklin Homestead dining room.

Next regular select board meeting will be June 30th at 7:00 pm.

Brooks /Ed made the motion to adjourn the meeting. All members voted in favor, motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sara Rainville, Asst. Town Clerk
June 18, 2015

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

The minutes were approved on June 30, 2015