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4 **MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD**  
5 **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2017 @ 7:00 P.M.**  
6 **HOMESTEAD FELCO ROOM**  
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8 **Members Present:** Peter Magnant, Yvon Dandurand, Brooks Sturtevant, Ed Rainville, Andrew  
9 Godin, and Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk/Treasurer.

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11 **Guests:** Taylor Newton, NRPC; Kim Gates, Linda Hartman, Dave Bennion, Robert Bender.  
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13 Peter called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., pledge of allegiance was said.  
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15 **Agenda amendments:** none  
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17 **Public Hearing on Town Plan Adoption:** Pete reviewed the town plan and the need to adopt  
18 an updated plan; the current plan expired in May 2017. There have been just minor changes to  
19 language and to meet statute requirements. The renewable energy and source protection area  
20 for the water system will be addressed with amendments in the fall/spring 2018. Taylor advised  
21 flood resiliency was added to the natural resources section. Taylor spoke about applying for the  
22 Municipal Planning Grant funding for next year, due in Oct, for amendments to the Town Plan  
23 and development regulation updates. The Town Plan needs to get regional approval from  
24 NRPC.

- 25 • Kim thanked Taylor for adding the line on pg. 32 regarding Franklin Telephone and the  
26 internet/broadband service.
- 27 • Discussed the historic buildings and the need to remove old ones that are gone and  
28 update current owners on others. There are some that should be listed and are not; how  
29 to get them added. What does it mean to be on the list? Need to note in the Town Plan  
30 where this information was gathered from and is stored.
- 31 • Lisa suggested adding to the agricultural practices-Maple.

32 Yvon/Brooks made the motion to accept the Town Plan with minor changes from the April 25<sup>th</sup>  
33 Planning Commission hearing as written. 5-0, all members voted in favor, motion passed.  
34 Taylor asked Pete to email him a request to seek NRPC approval of the adopted town plan.  
35 Taylor was thanked and exited the meeting at 7:30 pm.  
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37 **Public Comments:** none  
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39 **Minutes:**

40 Brooks/Yvon made the motion to approve the minutes of June 7 and 12. Pete asked to remove  
41 "brick" from line 25 of the June 7<sup>th</sup> minutes. Also remove "into" from line 12 of the June 12<sup>th</sup>  
42 minutes; otherwise ok as written. Vote taken, Andy abstained, 4 in favor, motion passed.  
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44 **Highway Dept:**

- 45 • **Main St ROW concerns:** Pete is aware that there may be hard feelings and this has  
46 become a hot topic; address the board and remain civil to everyone. When the board last  
47 met they discussed signs to "not block driveway" and painting on the pavement. There  
48 were to be no sawhorses in the ROW or other obstructions which may cause a hazard to  
49 the traveling public. Pete spoke with Jeff Blanchard from the State ROW division; he  
50 advised cannot restrict parking on a state highway, cannot legally double park next to  
51 other cars already there. It is okay for signs "do not block driveway". With the town's  
52 ROW of the sidewalks and the State ROW of the road, no property left for private  
53 property. Need an 1111 permit from the State or town for posts put in any ROW. Bob  
54 Bender states he spoke with Jim Cota today about the post and it is outside of the State  
55 ROW and okay-issue with sight; painted it yellow and installed reflective strips on the  
56 post. Bob asks why Dick Wright can park trucks in the State ROW; Sweet Shop  
57 residents are parked in the ROW. Mr. Bender advised he will apply for an 1111 permit,  
58 Pete advised the town must get a permit for work to water lines and sidewalks as well.  
59 Ed advised that double parking is not illegal in a village district. The Mayo's have spoken  
60 with the delivery drivers about not parking in front of their home. Mr. Bender states that  
61 not blocking their driveway is all they are asking for, emergency issues are a concern if  
62 not able to get out. Pete advised their driveway is between the houses not in front of the  
63 house on the street. Linda is disappointed that the board has not enforced the removal of  
64 obstacles in the ROW. Kim would like to have everyone respect others in the village; last  
65 week when paving equipment was parked in front of their business, she asked to have

66 the truck/trailer moved and it was. Pete asked if the town has property lines of these  
67 properties and measurements; Lisa advised this is a  
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73 grey area with little information on the old deeds. Mr. Bender will remove the post and  
74 apply for a permit. Should be the same rules for everyone on Main St; mailboxes, dealer  
75 vehicles.

76 Pete asked to have the sawhorses removed as the Town and State have not approved  
77 them and they are not allowed. Mr. Bender agreed to remove them and anyone can park  
78 on Main St. Kim concerned with safety and hazards with the posts being installed. Mr.  
79 Bender has looked into break-away poles at Jim Cota's request. Yvon also wants the  
80 post removed as this may cause an accident or damage and the Benders would be liable.  
81 Kim lives next to a business and has vehicles parked by her house and blocking her  
82 driveway often, do not mind, part of living in the village. Ed states the post has to go, it's  
83 in the town ROW, and the board has a doctrine to protect the town. The town and  
84 residents are both liable. He has spoken with Bill Mayo about parking and making some  
85 changes with deliveries. Mr. Bender's actions have alienated him from neighbors, good  
86 neighbors have to work together; work slowly to make changes. Bill does not care for the  
87 sawhorses or signs. Mr. Bender states they have given respect to others and want  
88 respect back. Yvon asked to have pole removed immediately, Bob advised it will be  
89 removed tomorrow. Pete will speak with Jim Cota on what needs to be done next. Bob-  
90 why can the town not put a sign in their own ROW? Kim-for several days their own  
91 workers have been blocking their driveway so people are not sure of correct place to  
92 park. Andy advised the highway crew will cut off the post tomorrow. Kim, Linda, Bob and  
93 Dave exited the meeting.

- 94 • **Road ordinance review/adoption:** Andy read the changes/additions aloud. Lisa  
95 advised these are the actual statutes. Discussion of changes to be made to wording and  
96 will review at the next meeting.
- 97 • **Driveway culvert policy:** Andy read aloud the policy. Brooks/Ed made a motion to  
98 accept the Town of Franklin Driveway culvert policy. Andy opposed, 4 in favor, motion  
99 passed and board signed.
- 100 • **Howard vacation time:** Lisa reviewed the vacation time that Howard has and the pay  
101 out at retirement. The accrued/used time with carryover from last year is 88 hours.  
102 Board approved paying this time to Howard.
- 103 • **Appointment of Highway Foreman:** Brooks/Ed made a motion to appoint Jeremy  
104 Barnum to the Foreman position based on the interview held, upon Howard's retirement.  
105 Rate of pay was discussed to pay Jeremy at \$19.90 effective July 1; Brooks/Ed made a  
106 motion to accept the rate of pay for Jeremy Barnum at \$19.90. All members voted in  
107 favor, motion passed.

#### 108 109 **Town Clerk concerns:**

- 110 • **Procurement/purchasing policy:** The procurement/purchasing policy was reviewed  
111 and discussed. The board would like the purchase limit to be \$500; when over approval  
112 is needed from the Road Commissioner and PO's should be used. Ed/Andy made a  
113 motion to approve the procurement/purchasing policy for the Town of Franklin. All  
114 members voted in favor, motion passed.
- 115 • **Catering permit:** A special event permit was received for the LCCA cottage tour on July  
116 22 from 14<sup>th</sup> Star Brewery. Lisa can approve but wanted to make the board aware.

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118 **Review and Sign bills:** done by the board. Lisa asked about have someone authorized to sign  
119 year-end bills if needed at the end of June. Brooks/Andy made a motion to authorize Ed to sign  
120 bills for the year-end. All members voted in favor, motion passed.

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122 **Old Business: Lift rental** for painting of the town hall. Yvon spoke with Franklin Rental about  
123 the cost of renting a lift at \$175 per day. Ed advised that Green's Ace also rents these lifts and  
124 will check on the price of rental. Brooks/Andy made a motion to give Ed authority to rent a lift  
125 and coordinate with Marc Vinci on the work needed. All members voted in favor, motion  
126 passed.

#### 127 128 **New Business:**

- 129 • **Town hall pressure tank**-the water pressure at the town hall is very low since the water  
130 line work in the fall and it was suggested to install a pressure tank. There may be dirt in  
131 the line or a kink. Yvon would like to see it dug up and fixed properly. Brooks will speak

132 with Mark and Marshall about snaking the line to find the issue and getting it fixed without  
133 installing a pressure tank.

- 134 • **Water Operator contract:** the contract was reviewed; Ed/Brooks made a motion to  
135 appoint Mark Brouillette as water operator for FY18. All members voted in favor, motion  
136 passed. Pete signed the contract.

- 144 • **Water Commissioner and Rec Dept members:** Pete/Ed made a motion to appoint Jes  
145 Alexant to the Water Commission for a three year term. All members voted in favor,  
146 motion passed. No new Rec Dept members have been suggested to the Selectboard by  
147 the Rec Dept.; tabled to next meeting. One application has been received for the Rec  
148 Director position.

- 149 • **Request of Hammond Shore Rd:** Pete got a call from a camp owner on Hammond  
150 Shore Rd about hiring the town to grade and chloride the road; they spoke with Ed as  
151 well. A group has collected funds from the camp owners on Hammond Shore Rd as a  
152 road maintenance fee to do work. Ed advised this would create a liability to the town in  
153 working on private roads. Andy also states we cannot compete with private industry to  
154 do such work. This opens us to having to do work on other class 4 and private roads.  
155 The board denies the request as previously determined.

157 **Selectboard folder:** Reply letter from Irene Robear regarding a dog complaint letter that she  
158 received and her side of the event; she also is concerned with the safety of people walking on  
159 Riley Rd.

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161 **Member Concerns:**

- 162 - Ed states the dirt roads are in very good shape, yet he got a complaint recently about the  
163 pot holes.
- 164 - Yvon would like to get a weed harvester schedule together, need to get on the lake and  
165 start harvesting. Brooks and Yvon will go out on Friday to test the machine with the new  
166 engine. There are still concerns that there may be electronics over hydraulic issues.
- 167 - Pete states the Foremen job applications are due by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Andy, Ed and Yvon will  
168 meet the following week with Lisa to screen the applications and set up interviews.
- 169 - Pete asked Yvon to order the new snow blower for the FY18 budget.
- 170 - Lisa advised the NRPC Municipal Roads grant-in-aid invitation letter needs to be signed  
171 by July 5<sup>th</sup> to participate in the funding. She is meeting with Bethany from NRPC and the  
172 highway crew on Thursday and will advise of the status.

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174 Next regular select board meeting will be Wednesday, July 19th at 6:00 pm.

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176 Brooks /Ed made a motion to adjourn at 9:53 p.m. All members voted in favor, meeting  
177 adjourned.

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179 Respectfully Submitted,  
180 Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk  
181 June 23, 2017

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