

**MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2014 @ 7:00
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

Members Present: Peter Magnant, Yvon Dandurand, Andrew Godin, Brooks Sturtevant, Ed Rainville, Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk

Guests: Marshall Ploof, Justin Rainville, Mark Toof, Nancy Wilson, Sheriff Robert Norris.

Peter Magnant called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. The Pledge of allegiance was said.

Public Comments: None to be heard

Recreation Dept.: Nancy Wilson was in attendance to discuss the recreation funds of \$2123 that was turned to the town from the independent group that was previously operating. The money was fundraised about 15 years ago with grants also received for programs. The recreation committee offers programs in line with the summer school tutoring to offer more for the children. The funds should cover the next 4 years of programs. Peter Magnant/Brooks Sturtevant made the motion to use the recreation funds for the summer programs at school as requested by Nancy Wilson. All members voted in favor, motion passed. Nancy was thanked and exited the meeting.

Emergency Management Coordinator: Justin Rainville and Mark Toof were present regarding the position of Emer. Mgmt. Coordinator. The board discussed the emergency operations plan. The Town Clerk has been in contact with the emergency shelter regarding the upcoming storm if needed. Mr. Toof states he is in town most all the time as he works from home. He is willing to take the position of Emergency Management Coordinator. Justin and Mark were thanked for attending the meeting and exited.

Sheriff: Peter welcomed Robert Norris to the meeting. Peter advised with the article for \$5,500 for sheriff coverage having passed this year the board will include in the budget next year as a line item. Mr. Norris reviewed the report he sent for 2013 coverage; some services that are listed were not on the charges to the town just occurrences in the town. Based on the approved amount of \$5,500; the rate is \$44/hr. which will give 125 hours of coverage from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Sheriff presence is a good thing even if not full time. Need to cover Lake Rd at the north end of Lake Carmi, stop signs also of concern. Need to update the traffic ordinance to include Middle Road speed limit of 35 mph. Discussed the contract being open ended so may spread time out and not be confined to set dates; will get 3 weeks in 3 months' time. Mr. Norris inquired about holding a training unit at the school regarding mass catastrophes; the town clerk will be in touch with the school principal. Mr. Norris thanked and exited the meeting.

Minutes: Minutes of February 11, regular meeting and March 5, reorganizational were reviewed. Peter asked to remove Gerald Gates as Energy Committee member as he is not able to participate any longer. Brooks Sturtevant will ask John Ho if he is interested. Peter Magnant/Yvon Dandurand made the motion to approve the minutes as written with change. All members voted in favor, motion passed.

Reviewed and signed bills: The bills were reviewed and signed by the board.

Town Clerk Concerns:

- Grand List: no suits/appeals pending against the 2012 grand list. The selectboard must certify as such and sign off on the grand list after the first Tuesday of February each year. As there were appeals for the 2012 reappraisal the certificate had to wait for the appeals to be completed. Board signed the certificate.
- Hay land lease was reviewed; for 3 years to be reviewed annually for David Woods. Was signed by Peter Magnant.
- Town water system property also needs to be mowed as Curtis Ploof had been doing and is no longer. The highway crew will be advised.
- 225th Anniversary of Franklin: 2014 is the anniversary of the town charter. Will consider doing a celebration in conjunction with Memorial Day festivities of the town. The Town Clerk will look into cost for cake and ice cream. The historical society will also be coordinating some activities.
- Library is looking to use the land behind the fire station for a summer reading program one afternoon for solar viewing. The board is fine with their request and suggests advising the fire department as well.
- Solid Waste Plan: The solid waste plan is due to be reviewed and updated as necessary every five years; last adopted in 2009. There are many strict new guidelines that have been implemented by the state such as mandatory recycling and

composting, hauler unit based pricing to name a few. Lisa suggests looking into joining the Solid Waste District as rules are becoming harder to support on the local level. We were doing some programs jointly with Highgate to cut costs; Highgate has voted to join the district. Lisa asked to forward to the board information and costs to join the district. Would need a town wide voter approval to join.

Franklin Fire District #1: Marshall Ploof was welcomed to the meeting. Peter Magnant has been in contact with the town attorney regarding what is needed for the legal plan of merger. The town will need maps of the system/infrastructure, deeded right of ways or easements, age and type of system, assets, insurance, debts, state required changes/updates and estimated costs. There is no charter for the district. Marshall advises the current system was installed in 1990; the infrastructure is in good shape. Current charges are \$200/yr. per unit; units vary depending on property and use. Marshall advised the fire district voted at the 2013 annual meeting to dissolve the Franklin Fire District #1; attendance was low of district members. The town will need to hire an operator that is licensed. The town will operate the system as it is now as a self-sustaining department. The town attorney has spoken with an engineer that will assist with the merger. He will volunteer to meet pro-bono for one meeting to review the system with the Selectboard and Prudential Committee.

Old Business:

- **Personal policy:** Peter Magnant has spoken with the town attorney regarding the personal policy. The town attorney has made suggestions of changes to be made. The board reviewed the policy and will inquire on other changes/clarification with the attorney.
- **Rte. 120/Morses Line intersection:** The board discussed and reviewed the current plan engineered by the state after comments at town meeting. They will inquire about adding another stop sign coming west from Lake Rd as a 3 way stop at the Middle Rd/Main St intersection before entering onto Morses Line Rd as that seems to be the high problem point. Peter will be in touch with VTrans.
- **Planning Commission:** Peter Magnant/Ed Rainville made the motion to appoint Judith McLaughlin to the planning commission for a three year term to expire in 2017. All members voted in favor, motion passed. Town Clerk will send an appointment letter to Ms. McLaughlin.
- **Northwest Regional Planning Commission:** Clark Hubbard does not want to be a member of this board any longer. The selectboard will inquire around about someone who is interested in the position.
- **Street Lights:** Peter inquired what the status of the change of lights to LED is. Town Clerk advised she has not heard but will be in touch with Vermont Electric for an update. The board discussed the current locations of fixtures; remove the last light on Lake Rd in East Franklin near the Berkshire line; turn the light at Byam's to the road not their parking lot.

New Business: none

Selectboard Folder:

- VLCT Selectboard institute for new members on March 22. Brooks and Ed interested in attending.

Member Concerns:

- Yvon Dandurand got a call from Rinkers Communication regarding doing radio frequency testing that is planned within the next 3 weeks for possible installation of a cell tower on the town land at the northeast corner.
- Yvon has attempted to speak with the Grissoms regarding their dog. The board has not yet received a certificate of training as required by the town after the dog incidences. The board request the town clerk to write a letter to the Grissoms regarding needing proof of training by the next meeting, April 9, or the dog will confiscated with no return.
- Clerk of the works: Yvon has spoken with Greg Bouchard about overseeing the Dewing Bridge project. Lisa will be in touch with Munson regarding the contract for work.
- Grading: Yvon inquired about hiring out the grading with Munson. They charge \$200/hr. to do towns; he will get references of towns they currently contract with. Feels the larger grader would do a better job with the material we are putting on the roads. Ed Rainville asks if the town has a scruffier blade for the grader; this would work better and should grade more often.
- Peter states he would like a plan/schedule of spring and summer work for the highway department.
- Weed harvester: Yvon asks if the board would like to continue with Delbert Cook operating the weed harvester. The board was happy with their work last year and approve of hiring for 2014. Yvon will speak with Mr. Cook.

- Emergency Management Coordinator: Peter Magnant/Yvon Dandurand made a motion to appoint Mark Toof to this position. All members voted in favor, motion passed.
- Sheriff: The board would like to contract for coverage from May to Oct; could split the time for approx. 5 hr. per week. Lisa will be in touch with Mr. Norris regarding contract.
- Dock at Lake Carmi has been promised by Fish & Game to be installed by Walleye Season this year.

Andrew Godin/Yvon Dandurand made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All members voted in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk
March 14, 2014

These minutes are not official until approved at the Select board's next regular meeting. Approve at the April 9, 2014 meeting.