

FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD MEETING

MARCH 1, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Members Present: Peter Magnant, Yvon Dandurand, Brooks Sturtevant and Ed Rainville (entered at 8:00 pm), Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk.

Guests: Howard Vansette, Stephanie Ho, Bridgette Favreau, Bridget Thompson, Nancy Wilson, Tim Magnant

At 7:08 p.m. Peter M called the meeting to order. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: None

MINUTES: Brooks/Yvon made a motion to approve the Feb 1^{13th} & 15th minutes as written. No discussion, no changes; Peter called for vote, motion to approve minutes; 3 members present approved. Motion passed.

HIGHWAY DEPT:

- Adopt certificate of standard for highways & bridges – Peter asked Howard if he had reviewed the highway and bridge standards for 2017 and was in favor of them; Howard is good with them, no changes from last year. Brooks/Yvon made a motion to adopt the certificate of standards for highways & bridges. All members in favor and certificate signed.
- Better Roads grant - application for Webster Road culvert/ditching work. Howard will replace the old 18" cross culvert above Ellis's with a new 24" longer culvert at a 45 degree angle diagonally across between Ellis's and Messier's driveways and stone line approx. 250 ft of ditch to prevent erosion. Brooks/Yvon made a motion to approve the application for a Better Roads grant for Webster Rd, all members in favor.
- Discussion of the septic tank at the highway garage filling quickly with water. Need to look at it to see what is going on; the Board will check tank and cover to find a leak of ground water getting in.
- Yvon asked about the sand and salt supply; Howard advised the sand shed is about ¼ full and the salt shed has two loads in it, should be ok for the remainder of winter.

TOWN MEETING WARNING REVIEW: Tim was here to review the warning with the board before town meeting.

- Discussed the "to receive and discuss the reports of the town officers". Voters do not need to approve these reports, they are just advisory of town business and for questions as needed.
- Nancy Wilson spoke about the cemeteries and the commission (volunteers); they do not want to change anything, it works fine for now. Want the board to think about and look at the future for planning and funding of the needs when the East Franklin Cemetery Association is no longer able. Town Clerk will warn a meeting of the cemetery commission for March 7th at 3:00 pm at the school library. Nancy was thanked and exited the meeting.
- Recreation committee was here to discuss the process and motions of how town meeting works relating to the article #10 and the tax rate implication.
- Peter reviewed the various board members that were up for reelection this year.
- Article #17 regarding renewable energy and the voters visions of what they want to see in town; the town plan is being update and the board is looking for input. Yvon will check with NRPC to see if a member will be here to answer questions.
 - Ed entered the meeting at 8:00
- Discussion on the delinquent tax report; Ed is concerned with people that have a difficult situation happen in life which may cause this hardship. Discussed pros and cons, no action taken.

TOWN CLERK CONCERNS:

- Sign Grand List – annually after the first Tuesday of February the grand list of the previous year needs to be certified and signed by the Selectboard and Listers that there are no suits pending against it. Town Clerk states there are none. Brooks/Ed made the motion to certify and sign the Grand List that there are no suits for 2016. All members voted in favor and signed.
- Town cemetery land-the clerk's office has researched who owns these five old lands/cemeteries. Do not find any records of ownership; from research with the Secretary of State the town becomes care takers of the abandoned cemeteries where there is no one to care for them. Cemetery Commissioners are elected to care for such.
- Ambulance fact sheet-reviewed by board for a handout at town meeting. Town Clerk will verify with the two services the information listed for each to be sure it is accurate. The board approves of the information.

LIQUOR CONTROL: Brooks/Ed made a motion to enter into liquor control board meeting, all members in favor.

- Kathy Marn-Due North Vineyard-outside consumption permit for 2017. Ed/Yvon made the motion to accept this application; all members in favor
- Bill & Sue Mayo-Franklin General Store-second class liquor license for 2017. Ed/Brooks made the motion to accept this application; all members in favor
- Arnold Byam-Byam's Store-second class liquor license for 2017. Yvon/Ed made the motion to accept this application; all members voted in favor.

All applications signed as approved by the Board. Brooks/Ed made the motion to exit liquor control board meeting. All members in favor, motion passed.

REVIEWED/SIGNED BILLS: The board reviewed and signed bills.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Park and Ride insurance claim with VLCT for coverage if the town were to repay the state was denied for coverage, based that there was no "professional liability fault" of the board.
- Sidewalks-Town Clerk has reviewed the VTrans Bike/Pedestrian grant with NRPC, we would be eligible for funding with a 50% match, the application is due in July. The board will need to put the project out to bid if the article is passed at town meeting for funding.

NEW BUSINESS:

- St. Albans Central Dispatch-the contract was discussed and other options that Franklin may have for dispatch coverage; there are limited resources. Town Clerk will forward a copy of the contract to the board to review before the next meeting to discuss signing.

SELECTBOARD FOLDER: None

MEMBER CONCERNS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- Ed discussed the Superintendent of FNWSU and his authority to spend \$25k for a study and 5 year plan of MVU for the buildings and athletic facility. Yvon also discussed the MVU public budget meeting this week and issues he feels need to change with operations of MVU.
- Peter brought up the completion of the brick work; Lisa advised Jay Lawrence had done a good job and more work was done than he had anticipated once the job was started. He did strongly advise that the chimney needs to be cleaned out from the basement entry and suggests a chimney liner in the future.

Brooks/Ed made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE MARCH 15, 2017 AT 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk/Treasurer
March 2, 2017

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

These minutes were approved at the March 22, 2017 Selectboard meeting.