

**MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2013 @ 7:00
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

Members Present: Peter Magnant, Yvon Dandurand, Andrew Godin (arrived late), Kyle Lothian, and Lisa Larivee-Town Clerk

Guests: Lynn and Cody Paradis, Mike Gosselin, Michael & Sheryl Garala,

Peter Magnant called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. The Pledge of allegiance was said.

Public Comments: Cody Paradis presented his Eagle Scout community service project to the selectboard which he has planned to earn his life badge. Plans are to install a flag pole in front of the town office/library building with green solar lighting; discussed meet flag & pole regulations and the setting of the pole. Cody will be responsible for planning, installing and fund raising to cover the cost of the project, will be completed by this fall. All members in agreement and Peter signed the plan required for Cody to submit to his troop leaders/council.

Minutes: February 12 regular meeting, March 6 reorganization meeting; Kyle/Yvon made a motion to approve as written. 3 members present voted in favor, motion passed. March 5 Town meeting minutes; Kyle/Yvon made a motion to approve as written; minor typo errors corrected. 3 members present voted in favor, motion passed and minutes signed. Andrew entered the meeting.

Review and sign bills: Board members reviewed and signed bills.

Overweight permits: Kyle reviewed and signed the overweight permits.

Town Clerk Concerns:

- Furnace has been becoming air bound with the fuel not pumping to the furnace causing it to stop working. Damien Blouin has been called twice this season to bleed and restart the unit. Yvon spoke with Mr. Blouin about what can be done to prevent this from happening; suggest installing a tiger loop to prevent the system from becoming air bound at a cost of approx. \$200-250. Kyle/Andrew made the motion to get the system repaired.
- Corporate resolution with People's Trust Co for the Equipment fund and library window refurbish fund needs to be updated with new board members as it is very out of date. Kyle/Yvon made a motion to accept the resolution with People's Trust Co, four members present voted in favor, motion passed. Members signed the documents.
- Newsletter-will go out at the end of March for April-June. If the board has anything to include please let the clerk's office know soon.

Old Business:

- Personal Policy: Kyle discussed the current policy with regard to holiday pay within a week that there is also overtime worked. Currently the overtime is calculated on hours worked-so the holiday prevents getting overtime pay for a longer day worked. The holiday hours need to be implied that they are worked. Further discussion tabled until the April meeting.
- Town Hall policy update: discussed the town hall policy with regards to fees and groups using the facility. With large events such as weddings, family reunions, showers and banquets a flat fee of \$40 will be charged to cover the usage of the septic, water, supplies, etc. All members are in favor, town clerk will update the agreement.
- Selectboard Rules and Procedures-Andrew was given a copy to review as the new member of the board. Rules and Procedures must be readopted yearly. No discussion or changes to be made, Kyle/Andrew made a motion to adopt as approved. Four members present in favor, motion passed.

New Business:

- Fiscal Year Change-Peter would like to review the Jan-June 2013 budget detail of expenses in advance of planning the 18 month budget for the next town meeting. Need to keep tight control of costs for any extra purchases in the next few years to maintain the lowest budget.
- Sherriff Coverage-Need to invite Sherriff Norris to the April meeting to discuss coverage and contract details. Mr. Norris would like our ordinances sent to him for review. Town Clerk will call and invite him and advice of website postings.

- Sand Shed-the permit was discussed with the Zoning Administrator; Mr. Irish advised it needs to go to the Planning Commission due to the development not being on a public road but rather off a ROW. Board to review the location of the shed to finalize the permit and discuss with Cross Consulting the final water runoff upgrades. The board scheduled a meeting on Saturday the 16th at 10:00 at the town garage site to review location. Town Clerk to warn meeting.
- Dewing Bridge Project-Lisa has spoken with Skip at Ruggiono Engineering about the permits needed. Skip advised permits have been applied for with the state as necessary. Lisa will contact Jim Cota with VTrans to have the culvert on Rte. 120 reviewed for appropriate flow between Grahams and Coopers. Will plan a public meeting when the permits are in place.
- Town land hay lease bids-Yvon recused himself from the room during the opening of the bids. Yvon Dandurand bid \$2015 with the option to plant crops and fertilize at his discretion. David Woods bid \$2000 for haying the land. Discussion of planting other crops and the buried phone lines of FTC. Peter/Andrew made the motion to accept David Woods' bid for haying only for \$2000 for 3 years. 3 members voted in favor, 1 recused, motion passed.

Selectboard folder:

- Legal opinion from VLCT regarding the selectboard report in the town report endorsing the Tri-Town Arena as questioned by a town resident. VLCT's opinion is that it is ok as written as long as this wording is not on the warning or ballot. The selectboard supporting the project in the report does not solicit or endorse votes.
- Paving grants for class 2 roads discussed. Lisa will check on the due dates; would like to apply for the continued resurface of Moses Line/Gore Rd to protect the shim that was put down a few years ago.
- Letter to James Messier about the Willard Cemetery and new burials. The board has no regulations over cemeteries, as long as burials are regulated by a licensed funeral director. Peter will sign a letter to Mr. Messier as such.
- Dewing Bridge site location map of project from Ruggiono. Mr. & Mrs. Garala have questions regarding the taking of abutters land for the construction; they would like details of the dimensions and size of wing walls. Kyle will speak with Skip at Ruggiono about meeting at the site for review.

Member Concerns:

- Yvon advised the sign on 235/Moses Line intersection needs to be replaced. With the paving grants signs are also replaced in the funding. Will look into replacement. Yvon inquired about the fuel bids and discussed the current vendor and if the board wished to stay where they are for oil/LSD purchasing. The board does not wish to make any changes.
- Peter inquired about the street light change out with VEC to get more efficient lighting. Lisa will inquire with VEC and if there are any grants/funds available for the program. Peter asked Yvon if the cell tower installation is still in the works. Yvon states yes.

Kyle/Yvon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All members voted in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk
March 15, 2013

These minutes are not official until approved at the Select board's next regular meeting. Approved by Selectboard on April 9, 2013