

MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2016 @7:00 p.m.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Peter Magnant, Ed Rainville, Yvon Dandurand, Brooks Sturtevant (arrived at 7:30 p.m.), Sandi Murphy, minute taker

GUESTS: Howard Vansette (road foreman), Justin Rainville (Fire Chief), and Bob Irish (Zoning Administrator).

Peter called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda amendments:

Under approve minutes, add the approval of the Town Meeting minutes.

Public comment period:

No public comments.

Approve Minutes of March 1, 2016 and March 2, 2016

The SELECTBOARD elected to pass over the approval of the Town Meeting minutes from March 1, 2016.

Yvon/Peter made the motion to accept the minutes of March 2, 2016 as presented. All in favor, (Brooks not present) motion carried.

Highway Department:

- The Gorman contract for one year to purchase liquid calcium and have use of their equipment for one dollar lease was reviewed. Peter read the cover letter aloud and went over the basics of the contract. Ed/Yvon made the motion to sign the contract confirming that the 6,000 gallons already delivered are part of the total purchase in the contract. Motion carried, all in favor.
- Roadside tree removal - the SELECTBOARD needs to set up a plan with Artie Davis to take down the dead trees. Ed Rainville agreed to work with Artie to identify the trees needing to be cut or trimmed. They will plan a time to meet and Ed will keep Andy Godin in the loop.
- Highway crew/FFD participation - Peter asked if the Town needs a Policy on this concerning payroll and/or for liability reasons. There was a discussion with Justin Rainville as to how the Fire Dept. views this. Basically, the highway employee is NOT covered for insurance purposes unless they join the Fire Dept. and are listed as a squad member. Peter suggested the SB revisit this after Lisa checks with VLCT on who is covered for what in such a case.
- Morses Line Road speed/caution signs. Howard V. was asked to get pictures of signs that can be obtained. The SB will meet with Jim Cota on 4/19/2016 and revisit this at that time.
- Better Back Road grant (Webster, Colton, Hwy Lot) - this Grant is due 04/15/2016. Can we do multiple projects? Howard V. said "yes". Howard wants to focus on the Webster road drainage issue and Peter wants to do the Hwy Lot, as well. Howard agreed to work with Lisa on this.
- Paving quotes - these are needed by 04/15/2016. Howard V. will work on this, also. We are looking at Dewing Road, Morses Line Road, Riley Road, Stanley Road. Yvon will be meeting with Bruce Cheeseman next Wednesday.
- Howard V. mentioned a need to seal the cracks on Rte. 235. He will contact Demag Sealers and get this done. The SB agreed.

Town Clerk concerns:

Loan documents for Fire truck - a motion was made by Brooks/Yvon to sign the docs (Note for 160,000 for a term of 4 years and a Tax Certificate). All in favor, motion carried and the docs were signed.

Zoning Administrator - Fee review

Bob Irish was not present at this time and this was passed over. Bob did show up at 8:45 p.m. And this was revisited. Mr. Irish is the Zoning Administrator and he was asked to explain what the current fees are and how they were arrived at. Basically, the fees were set by Bob and Sue

based on what seemed reasonable for the amount of time needed to process applications, etc.. The Town Clerk gets the recording fees and the ZA keeps the rest as pay for his efforts. Peter was concerned that the late fee/after the fact fee for a Permit was too low. Discussion followed. No action taken at this time.

Review and sign bills:

Each SELECTBOARD member reviewed the bills signed off on them. Brooks had hand written several Thank-You notes that were signed, as well. These went to the townspeople that worked the polls and helped at Town Meeting.

Old Business:

- Personnel Policy amendment - Brooks did some research and reported that Swanton pays 3 hours minimum for 30 minutes when called in on a day off; Highgate pays a min. of 4 hours; AOT pays 4 hours; Enosburgh has no policy and Sheldon did not get back to Brooks on this. Brooks will check with Berkshire and check on what parameters are set to invoke this pay. The SELECTBOARD will take this up at the next meeting.
- School tractor/mower agreement w/school - currently the school pays 80%/20% by the Town on repairs. New language was added and an annual review. This was not signed tonight as the School board is reviewing the same changes and the SELECTBOARD will wait for their comments and/or signatures.
- Lease law update - Lisa has a draft that includes the Shoreline District. This needs to be warned for several days before action can be taken.

New Business:

- Hay land mowing bids opened - Paul Rainville bid \$1250 per year and Lonnie Domina bid \$500 per year. No other bids were submitted. Ed/Yvon made a motion to accept Paul Rainville's bid. All were in favor, the motion carried. Peter will ask Lisa to contact Paul Rainville to notify him of winning the bid.
- Date for the Water District Australian vote needed. Brooks/Yvon made a motion to set the date to vote for 8-09-2016 with the proper warning given (10 days). All in favor, motion carried.

SELECTBOARD Folder:

Advertisements only.

Member concerns/Other Business:

Ed wants to discuss at some time in the future using the "old Wescott property land" for recreational purposes.

Brooks has a dog complaint letter dated March 6, 2016 from Sue Richards on the Riley Road. Brooks read the letter. The SELECTBOARD will draft a letter citing the Dog Ordinance and ask Dennis Demar to pay them a visit.

Yvon wanted to discuss Brian Barnum's concerns about sander box costs.

Yvon asked what the Library building heat repair quotes were today. Peter said \$1200. to \$1500..

Peter wanted to share that Dave Bennion has offered to take the Planning Commission Board appointment. Brooks/Yvon made the motion to appoint Dave to the position. All in favor, motion carried.

Peter asked about switching to a DRB (Development Review Board) and asked the other SELECTBOARD members to think about it. Peter also asked them to think about the late fee for Permits.

Peter would like to invite the Telephone Company and the Homestead Board to a Select Board meeting when Hugh Gates returns this spring to discuss a resolution to the Park and Ride issue.

Peter asked about the Weed Harvester motor being tested. There was no update. Yvon has been communicating via e-mail and getting no response.

Peter mentioned he would like to see a budget item for getting some sidewalk work done yearly.

Peter mentioned that the loader will most likely need to be replaced in the near future.

The SELECTBOARD will have a meeting April 19, 2016 @ 9:00 a.m. with Jim Cota from VTRANS and this will be the regular SB meeting for the second meeting of the month.

At 10:23 p.m. Brooks/Ed made the motion to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be April 6, 2016 at the Town Clerk's Office.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandi Murphy, Minute taker

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

These minutes were approved at the April 6, 2016 meeting.