

**MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2016 @ 7:00 P.M.
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

Members Present: Peter Magnant, Yvon Dandurand, Brooks Sturtevant, Andy Godin, Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk/Treasurer.

Guests: Justin Rainville, Tim Magnant, Bob Berger and Tom Gates, School Directors.

Peter called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m., pledge of allegiance was said.

Agenda amendments: none

Public Comments: Pete gave a special thank you to Lisa and Sara for opening the polls early and all their hard work for town meeting.

Minutes:

The minutes of February 17 were reviewed. Brooks/Yvon made the motion to approve the minutes of Feb 17, 2016 as written. Approved-3; Andy-abstained, motion passed.

Reorganization/Appointments:

- Selectboard Chair: Brooks/Andy nominated Peter Magnant as chair; all in favor.
- SB Vice-Chair: Brooks/Pete nominated Yvon Dandurand as vice-chair; all in favor.
- Road Commissioner: Yvon/Brooks nominated Andy Godin as Road Commissioner; all in favor.
- Water Commissioner: Yvon/Andy nominated Brooks Sturtevant for a 3-year term; all in favor.
- Planning Commission: Yvon/Brooks nominated Clark Hubbard for a 4-year term; Dave Bennion and Rolland Rainville for 3-year terms; all in favor. Andy also suggests Greg Machia as a member to fill the vacant seat or on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Lisa will contact Greg.
- Zoning Board of Adjustment: Yvon/Brooks nominated Chris O'Shea and Jim Pivorotto for 3-year terms; vacant seat to be filled, all in favor.
- Zoning Administrator: Brooks/Yvon nominated Robert Irish; all in favor.
- Other Offices: Yvon/Brooks to reappoint the existing/current officers as listed; all in favor.

Lisa will contact Clark Hubbard to see if there is a member of the planning commission interested in serving on the NRPC board. The board would like to invite Mr. Irish to the next meeting to review/discuss the zoning fees.

Schoolboard:

- Discussed consolidation issues and the next steps for the best of Franklin School.
- Tractor user agreement was reviewed for updates and adding the zero-turn mower to the agreement as well. The town will be responsible for the Kabota tractor routine maintenance and regular wear. The school will be responsible for the zero-turn routine maintenance and regular wear. If you are the party to breaking it-you fix it; if using mower on school grounds and breaks the school is responsible to fix, on town property the town fixes.
- Justin Rainville brought concerns with having the sidewalks and school parking lot cleared before children arrive at school; equipment should not be running at this time for safety.

Executive Session: Justin was asked to leave the meeting.

Brooks/Andy made a motion to enter executive session at 7:45 pm for personal issues and invited the school board to participate.

Brooks/Yvon made a motion to exit executive session at 8:07 pm.

- Yvon asked about the Early Ed tuition for 3 year olds as a school choice. Bob advised is it law that the school must pay tuition for 3 year olds that participate in another early education program outside of the Franklin School up to \$3,092.
- Pete asked about having more bathrooms available during town meeting.

School directors were thanked and exited the meeting at 8:13 pm.

Selectboard Rules and Procedures: Pete reviewed the rules and procedures of the board for adoption. Brooks/Yvon made a motion to adopt the rules and procedures. All members voted in favor and signed.

Town Clerk concerns:

- **Watershed/Highway grant:** The grant from ANR for water run-off to study the issues at the town garage was denied for funding. Lisa will look into the Better Back Roads for possible funding of a study.
- **Cultural Facilities grant:** application information has been received about funding available for the town hall electrical upgrades with a 50% match. Lisa will get quotes and apply for the grant.
- **PACIF grant:** Lisa will address the VLCT insurance deficiencies that need to be taken care of, if eligible with this funding and the balance of the grant will be used by the fire dept.
- **Town Hall bids:** Lisa will repost the bid request for the replacement of the entryway ceiling and handicap door on the ramp to complete the pending grant work before close of the year.
- **AOT financial plan:** Lisa reviewed the financial plan that is required to be done for VTrans annually after town meeting to be eligible for grant funding. The board accepted and signed. Pete would like to invite Jim Cota from VTrans to meet with the board regarding road concerns during April when a day time meeting can be held.

Old Business:

- **Personal policy amendment:** tabled until entire board is present.
- **Park and Ride:** Pete and Yvon met with State Agency of Transportation last week. Yvon was happy to see the State not demanding the funds to be paid back in short notice. Need to work at a goal to reopen the area. Pete would like to continue the conversation with FTC for a resolution.

New Business:

- **Better Back Roads grant:** Pete would like to see Webster Rd work completed where the culvert has come apart and is failing. Lisa states there is work on the Colton Rd in the storm water study that could be done as well. The Highway garage run-off study may be eligible.
- **Paving quotes:** Andy will speak with Boy about needs; grant funding should be available this year for work on Morses Line Rd, Stanley Rd or Dewing Rd. Need to get quotes to submit for grant funding.
- **Dam registration:** the Bullis Pond dam must be registered with the state annually now and a fee of \$200 paid for such. Lisa will register the dam with ANR.
- **Driveway permit:** A driveway permit for Kirk Artus on Stanley Rd needs to be signed off by the board. Andy reviewed and signed/approved.

Selectboard folder: Request from the Library Trustees to have someone to shovel the front steps and walk as necessary when it snows; don't feel the librarians should be doing this task. Pete suggested Lisa speak with Marc Vinci about taking care of this job; to pay \$10 per shoveling.

Member Concerns: Brooks would also like to volunteer to assist with the recreation group as suggested by Jes at town meeting for cross country skiing or snowshoeing on the town land. Lisa will check with VLCT on insurance coverage for such.

Yvon would like to thank the many people who assisted with town meeting; Monique Rainville, Dorothy Lothian, Paula Tremblay on checklist; Haston Library Trustees for the lunch; Tim Magnant, moderator; Phillip Dandurand, Mikeala Magnant, and Karissa McFadden for running mics, school staff for set-up and everyone who participates.

Andy asked for clarification on what the engine in the new truck will be; Yvon stated an International N13. Yvon will speak with Clark's to confirm the purchase of the truck and inquire about slide in sanders vs. side dump for pricing.

Pete-need to include in next board agenda the water improvements informational meeting and approval of the date for Australian ballot vote of Aug 4.

Lisa will be in touch with Dave from the Clock Shop to get the clock project completed before Memorial Day.

Discussed pay-loaders and what the needs for the future are; size, make, new vs. used.

Next regular select board meeting will be Wednesday, March 16 at 7:00 pm.

Next water commissioner meeting will be Monday, March 14 at 6:00 p.m.

Brooks/Yvon made a motion to adjourn at 9:18 p.m. All members voted in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk
March 3, 2016

These minutes are not official until approved at the Select board's next regular meeting.
These minutes were approved at the March 16, 2016 meeting.