

**MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2017 @ 7:00 P.M.
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

Members Present: Peter Magnant, Yvon Dandurand, Brooks Sturtevant, Ed Rainville, Andy Godin (entered at 7:55), Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk/Treasurer.

Guests: Chad Martin

Peter called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., pledge of allegiance was said.

Agenda amendments: Add to town clerk concerns: NRPC member list to review and sign; town hall electrical bid proposal. All members in favor

Public Comments: Chad Martin was present with concerns of the speed limit on Square Rd; is posted at 25 and 35 mph at different ends with a 20 mph caution with children present. Pete reviewed the traffic ordinance which lists the speed to be posted at 25 mph with a 15 mph child caution; will need to review the current signage. Chad states people also do not stop for the crosswalks in front of school. Pete advised will speak with the sheriff's office about patrol; school zone limits should be followed and enforced. Will speak with school about doing a notice in the school newsletter that it was brought to the board's attention of speeding on Square Rd and there are safety concerns. Chad was thanked and exited the meeting.

Minutes:

The minutes of March 1 were reviewed. Brooks/Yvon made the motion to approve the minutes of March 1, 2017 with a minor correction. Approved and motion passed.

The minutes of town meeting, March 7 were reviewed. Ed/Yvon made the motion to approve with some minor wording changes that were made to clarify items. Approved and motion passed.

Reorganization/Appointments:

- Selectboard Chair: Ed/Brooks nominated Peter Magnant as chair; all in favor.
- SB Vice-Chair: Brooks/Ed nominated Yvon Dandurand as vice-chair; all in favor.
- Road Commissioner: Brooks/Ed nominated Andy Godin as Road Commissioner; all in favor.
- Water Commissioner: these terms will be reappointed in July at the new fiscal year start.
- Recreation Dept: will be appointed in July as well
- Planning Commission: Brooks/Ed nominated Peter Kittell for a three year term-2020; all in favor.
- Zoning Board of Adjustment: Pete/Brooks nominated Paulette Tatro for a three year term-2020; all in favor. Thank you to Carolyn Kittell and Chris Bolton for serving.
- Animal Control: Ed/Brooks nominated Dennis Demar, all in favor.
- Zoning Administrator: Yvon/Ed nominated Robert Irish; all in favor.
- Other Offices: Brooks/Yvon to reappoint the existing/current officers as listed; all in favor.

Discussed the Zoning Board of Adjustment membership and reducing it to 5 members from the current 7. There are several vacant seats and no interests from residents to be on the board; it's difficult to find members. Warn for April 5th meeting as a second notice to change board membership.

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. Ed asked about changing the number of meetings held per month. Suggests every other month 2 meetings/others 1 meeting. After discussion, board decided it will meet once per month on the third Wed for Jan, March, May, ect and twice a month-first and third Wed for Feb, April, June, ect. and see how it works.

Town Clerk concerns:

- Grant notice for the Transportation Alternative grant applied for to fund the radar speed signs on Rte 120 was denied. Lisa, Town Clerk is looking at other funding sources that we may be eligible for.
- School agreement for the shared equipment was reviewed. The board is good with the current agreement; Brooks/Ed made a motion to accept and sign as written. All members voted in favor.
- Northwest Regional Planning Commission-member list of town officers was reviewed and updated. Pete signed.
- Town hall electrical work-Lisa, Town Clerk drafted a bid proposal for the electrical upgrades to the town hall as previously looked at. Need to add a clause about rejecting any or all bids. Lisa will update and get final approval to send out and post.

Review and Sign bills: done by the board.

Old Business:

- **St. Albans Central Dispatch:** The board reviewed the contract; Brooks/Ed made a motion to sign the Emergency communications dispatch contract with St. Albans Central Dispatch for FY18. All members voted in favor and Pete signed the contract.
- **Enosburg Rescue:** The board reviewed the contract that was received signed by the Enosburg Selectboard. Discussed clause 4 and 5 about cancellation of the contract. Pete proposes to remove 4 and amend 5 to add Franklin as well as Enosburg Ambulance Service (EAS) may cancel. Lisa, Town Clerk will be in touch with EAS about the change.

New Business: none

Selectboard folder: none

Member Concerns:

- Ed asked about the town plan adoption without the new renewable energy planning. Lisa, Town Clerk, reviewed the need to adopt the new plan as soon as possible as it expires in May and then amending to add the enhanced energy plan after; there are ramifications to not having a town plan in effect. Pete advised need to warn for the April 18th PC meeting; Lisa advised it must have a 30 day warning so will have to be April 25th. Pete feels we need to have two meetings to review. Pete asked without a town plan is grant funding in jeopardy.
- Ed advised the State of VT funding for the clean water act will not happen this year; no sure of EPA concerns and input.
- Brooks-concern with the institution of town meeting-it is important to keep in town as a community event. Discussion of options to get more people involved.
- Yvon-new snow blower attachment will have to be ordered after July-new budget. Andy Rainville brought up a good point at town meeting about a solar park on the town land behind the garage. Should look into this further. Thank you to the board and everyone that aids in town meeting-a pleasure to work with the board members.
- Pete-should look into cushions or padded chairs for town meeting. Older folks would be more comfortable to come and join in.
- Pete-suggested paying the highway crew a bonus after the job well done and the extra work from Storm Stella last week. Brooks/Andy made a motion to give Howard Vansette, Jeremy Barnum, and Jake Dandurand a \$100 bonus each for work during winter Storm Stella last week. All members voted in favor.

Next regular select board meeting will be Wednesday, April 5th at 7:00 pm.

Brooks/Ed made a motion to adjourn at 9:11 p.m. All members voted in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk
March 24, 2017

These minutes are not official until approved at the Select board's next regular meeting.
These minutes were approved at the April 5, 2017 Selectboard meeting.