

**MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD
WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2016 @ 7:00 P.M.
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Peter Magnant, Yvon Dandurand, Brooks Sturtevant, Ed Rainville, Andy Godin, Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk

GUESTS:

Bethany Remmers, NRPC; Andy King, Chris Yates-Highgate Selectboard, Richard Noel (Highgate rep for TAC); Kim and Hugh Gates, Bob Irish

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Peter Magnant. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

AGENDA ADMENDMENTS: Add to town clerk concerns: Cater permit for Jenny's Barn and Millpond Dam update. All members in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES: Yvon/Brooks made the motion to accept and approve the minutes of May 4 as written. Pete asked to move Polly's name to after Walter Kruhl with Amcare. Under public comments, the board will "request" rather than "suggest" Sheriff coverage on Scott Rd. All members in favor with minor corrections, motion passed.

HIGHGATE SELECTBOARD-ROAD RECLASSIFICATION: Peter welcomed the Highgate Selectboard members, Andy, Richard and Chris. Peter stated they were present to discuss the reclassification of the Hanna Rd from class 3 to class 2. Andy King spoke that upon review of Hanna Rd with Jim Cota from VTrans Dist 8, it was suggested that the road be reviewed to be reclassified to class 2; the road connects the two towns and currently meets many spec standards, is 22 ft wide, paved, but needs to be stripped. Bethany from NRPC advised that the State requires 25% of class 2 roads, of the total of class 2 & 3 road mileage; but are a bit laxed with requirement. Chris states that Jim Cota thought it would be a good candidate to reclassify. Towns get more financial highway aid per mile for class 2 than class 3 roads. Andy Godin asks about a traffic study need; Bethany advised need to have 70 points per the Orange Book to reclassify, should not be an issue. Andy King would like to sit down with Andy Godin to review all the requirements and financial costs/benefits. Peter advised need to discuss further as a board.

Peter asks about the speed limit on Highgate Rd and consideration to raise to 45 mph like Franklin. Richard speaks of the road design and the states requirement of it being a 40 mph road to get the project completed. With Franklin being 45, would like to see the same through Highgate end. Andy King will research if it can be changed.

Bethany will do a traffic study on Hanna Rd and Browns Corner Rd for these two items. Peter asked about the Main St/Middle/Lake Rd intersection; Bethany advised it is on the list of Dist 8 projects for priority funding. Peter thanked the Highgate board and Bethany and they exited the meeting.

FRANKLIN TELEPHONE-PARK & RIDE: Peter welcomed Kim and Hugh. He reviewed the discussion with VTrans in February about the Park & Ride closure and how to resolve the situation to make it open again. Peter asked Hugh for permission to remove the "Park & Ride Closed" sign, and use as a Municipal parking lot. It is primarily only used by Franklin residents and Homestead folks. The State may accept that if we can prove a few people are using it. Kim asks about the grant money and how long it needs to be a Park & Ride per the state. Yvon asked that question when they met and there is no definitive answer from the State. Kim asks about the stakes in the meadow by garage about 50 ft apart. What is it and who placed them? Ed advised the renter of the land was going to mark ledges before haying, may be him; the board has not done anything on the land. Kim states the court order asked for "Park & Ride Closed" signs to be installed per the judge. Peter advised the state wants to see it is being used, not necessarily have to advertise as a Park & Ride. Yvon informs that Chris Cole is the new Secretary of Transportation. The State is willing to give some time to work it out and Peter wants to keep dialogue open with FTC. Ed advised in the grant award the land has to be managed/owned by the town for 20 years. Hugh asks about Franklin Homestead (FHI) buying the lot. Peter heard

they were not interested in buying. Hugh feels that FHI is indebted to the town with the funding to build the facility; half of the loan should be written off now per agreement of providing affordable housing. Lisa speaks of the States rules and regulations of money that is returned to the Town from FHI and there are lots of strings attached with what has to be done with the funds. Hugh states that FHI should be willing to help with the situation; he would like to see the Homestead Board be more responsive to assisting. The Town Plan had no provisions for a park & ride or municipal parking lot. Peter would like to remove the “closed” sign. Kim advised they will have a FTC meeting next week and can discuss the issue further. Hugh-if the town uses the lot for recreation, that would be a use for it; Brooks advised they have begun discussion for a cross-county ski trail, skating rink, walking paths. Kim would like to see a large plan put together for the future development to be carried out over years; rather than just bits and pieces being done by different boards.

Kim has a few other concerns: the flags on the Lake Rd stop sign need to be replaced. Should consolidate the signs at the beach to fewer poles to make it look better. Take down the “no parking” signs in front of town office; no one adheres to them anyways. Kim and Hugh were thanked and exited the meeting.

ZONING FEE REVIEW: Peter welcomed Robert Irish to the meeting. He was here to discuss the new fee schedule and how violations are handled with the fee to environmental court. The State has begun enforcement/fines for issues at the Lake; this may get the word out to folks of enforcement, to get all in compliance with the rules. Robert will send letters of removal of non-conforming structures; issues will be referred to the Zoning Board of Adjustment; complaints can be filed with the court for legal action. Board accepts the wording of the notice; Lisa will post to website and Facebook. Robert will send notices of structures built without permits to get residents into compliance before July 1. Peter advised want to have a joint meeting with Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Adjustment; Zoning Administrator and NRPC to discuss formation of a Development Review Board. Lisa will speak with Clark about the next PC meeting date of June 21st.

REVIEW AND SIGN BILLS: Board reviewed and signed bills.

TOWN CLERK CONCERNS:

- **FWC water festival:** The Franklin Watershed asked permission to use the municipal parking lot for a water festival in June. The board would rather they use the town hall and the memorial park for the activities.
- **Lister appointment:** Stephanie Ho who was elected at town meeting to fill the lister position has declined. Sara Rainville is interested in being a lister. Brooks/Yvon made a motion to appoint Sara Rainville to fill the vacant unexpired term of lister until town meeting 2017. All members voted in favor, motion passed.
- **Morses Line Border hours:** Lisa researched, the hours for the Canadian border crossing at Morses Line is staffed by officers from 8 am to 4 pm; remote traveler processing is done from 4 pm to 8 am.
- **Library/Office brick work:** Lisa will contact Jay Lawrence to schedule work for the fall. Grant funding contingent on if the grant funding is awarded for the town hall electrical work.
- **Millpond Dam update:** Lisa has had questions from LCCA about the dam and if boards will be replaced; the lake level is low at this time. Peter will contact the State to follow up on the previous inquiry about the control of and rules for the dam.
- **Jenny’s Barn** has submitted a catering permit for a wedding on July 16. Lisa is authorized to sign, but would like the board to be aware of it as well.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Junk ordinance**/burning/solid waste disposal-tabled at this time
- **Emergency Management Plan:** Peter needs to complete the ICS100 on-line training before signing off on the plan.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Traffic Ordinance amendments:** The board would like to add Scott Rd under the speed limit section for 35 mph. There are currently speed limit signs posted but it was not included in the ordinance. Peter asked Lisa to send a letter to invite the residents of Scott Rd and M&C bussing to the June 1st meeting; notice of the change due to complaints of

speeding and non-stopping at the intersection. Also post to the website the notice of proposed change.

- **Weed Harvester operators;** Brooks needs to speak with Kyle Lothian. Andy was contacted by Travis Greenwood about working the harvester as well. Suggested to have a third person to operate. Yvon advised that Delbert ran the machine for two hours this week and it ran fine, with no problems. The five year warranty is from the original date of purchase on the motor, and it has been replaced at the end of last season.
- **Equipment replacement list:** The board discussed the current equipment and the need for replacement in the near future.
 - Loader 1988 with 2 ½ yd. bucket 544 John Deere. Andy advises that this machine is beginning to have many repair needs, strongly suggests we look to replace in next budget. Ed states he has looked at the John Deere 710 backhoes that are as large as our loader, that have a 3 yd. bucket and may be a good option to have for multiple uses and save on the cost of equipment rental. Yvon will get prices on options for the board.
 - Road side mower-5-6 years old and has had breakdowns. Last year rented the Town of Berkshire boom mower for \$100/day. This worked very well for reaching further out; keep renting Berkshire's machine.
 - Grader 1982 is working ok for now
 - Kubota tractor/snow blower needs repair to the hood but working as needed.

SELECTBOARD FOLDER: Zoning workshop on June 15 through VLCT

-Sheriff stats for April stops

MEMBER CONCERNS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- Andy will meet with Andy King from Highgate to move forward with investigating the reclassification of Hanna Rd.
- Brooks received a call and written complaint from Sue Richard regarding the Thompson dog barking, she is at her wits end. The board discussed and set a dog hearing for Monday, May 23 at 7:00. Lisa will invite Dennis-Animal Control; Lester and Lori Thompson, and Tom and Sue Richard.
- Lisa advised the PACIF grant was awarded for the office chairs, garage security cameras and back-up cameras for truck 1. The board would like the security cameras to be set on the sand/salt shed, fuel tanks, parking lot, and entry of garage. Jeremy asked about trimming the bottom of the big pine tree on our front lawn; the board approved to cut off 2 ft from bottom.
- Yvon has concerns with the large culvert on Morses Line Rd by Dan Clark that has dropped more across entire road in the last month. He will advise Bethany from NRPC at their next meeting. Peter will e-mail Jim Cota from Dist 8 to advise and get further review. Lisa will inquire about funding for the project.
- Lisa advised Bob from Pike has called about the paving contract. Peter states they are waiting for the grant funding notice before making a decision.

Brooks/Andy made the motion to adjourn at 9:50 p.m.. Motion carried, all in favor.

THE NEXT MEETING DATE WILL BE JUNE 1, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk
May 20, 2016

These minutes are not official until approved at the Selectboard's next regular meeting.
These minutes were approved at the June 1, 2016 board meeting.