

**Minutes of Select board / Planning Commission / Septic Committee Meeting
Tuesday May 22, 2012
Felco Room**

Members Present: Peter Magnant, Yvon Dandurand, Kyle Lothian

Guest: Amy Macrellis, Alan Heinzinger, Dan Larivee, Peter Kittell, Larry Myott, Lucille Rainville, Don Robinsky, Peter Benevento, Jim Pivrotto, Jim Cameron, and Amy Soriano

Peter Magnant called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

The meeting opened with an open comment period. Larry Myott asked about the letters from the town approving the pontoon boat race and parade and a letter of approval for closure of Rte 120 during the fireworks on July 3rd. Kyle mentioned a request for grading of the camp roads.

At 7:15 the meeting was turned over to the septic committee for Stone Environmental to present their study of the village and lake shore septic solutions.

Open Discussion:

The meeting began by discussing and going over the Final Draft Report of the Septic Feasibility Study and the Franklin village wastewater treatment system options.

Amy Macrellis mentioned that the 5 million dollar option for the village is a better option as it would save money as a long term plan compared to the no-action option, if village residents individually put in their own septic system. Amy also mentioned that the village would be eligible for grants including the Agency of Natural Resources Revolving Dry Fund. This is a match grant that targets documented critical areas of pollution. Another grant and loan option mentioned was the USDA Rural Development which is based on the medium income of the taxpayers. The next step for this grant would be to conduct an income survey throughout Franklin Village taxpayers.

The wastewater treatment system would function as a collection system, treatment facility plant, and spray dispersal field. More than half the cost of the total system would be put into the collection system due to the distance from the village to the dispersal site. The study showed that due to unsuitable soils in the area a spray dispersal system would be the only suitable option for disposal. There was a concern on how the public would view this method. The treatment would disinfect and remove all bacteria and contaminants from the solution and then disperse the treated effluent onto a large area of land. The locations of these sites were discussed. The Lake Carmi State Park and other small towns in Vermont are already using the spray dispersal method.

Kyle Lothian brought to attention a concern he had with the survey questions regarding whether or not village residents would be interested in voting for the wastewater treatment options. Discussions on the purpose of this study and the findings were discussed. Jim Cameron stated that knowing the wastewater treatment options for the town and lake would help with future progress on water quality, options for action, and receiving grants to fund these kinds of projects.

Outreach plan for Public Presentation of Franklin Village: Septic discussion completed at 8:30 p.m. and Selectboard meeting continued.

A public presentation will be held on June 21, 2012 at 7 P.M. in the Felco Room for the Wastewater Feasibility Study results for Franklin Village. The public presentation for the Lake Carmi results are to be announced.

Timeline for final report delivery:

The delivery date of the final report will be announced at the public meeting.

Septic discussion completed at 8:30 p.m. Select board meeting continued.

Kyle / Yvon made motion to close a portion of Rte 120 at the north end of Lake Carmi to allow them to conduct a fireworks show on July 3, 2012. 3-0 All in favor motion passed.

Kyle / Yvon made motion for the Lake Carmi Campers Association to hold a boat parade and pontoon boat relay race on Lake Carmi on June 30th, July 3rd, and 6th, 2012. 3-0 All in favor motion passed.

Kyle made motion for one grading of the Patton and Hammond Shore roads. Yvon seconded the motion. 3-0 All in favor motion passed.

Board discussed resignation letter from Mike Lawyer resigning as road commissioner and the Select Board. They agreed to table the decision on the resignation until next regularly scheduled Select Board meeting.

Kyle commented that the metal dumpster needs to be removed by June 1st.

Kyle moved to adjourn and Yvon seconded. Motion carried meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Minutes not approved until next regular Selectboard meeting.

Peter Magnant
Selectboard Chair
May 27, 2012

Minutes approved June 12, 2012.