

**MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2015 @ 7:00 P.M.  
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

**Members Present:** Peter Magnant, Yvon Dandurand, Ed Rainville, Brooks Sturtevant, Andy Godin and Sara Rainville, Asst. Town Clerk.

**Guests:** Howard Vansette, Kyle Lothian, Delbert & Andrew Cook, Mark Toof

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

**Agenda amendments:** none

**Public Comments:** none

**Minutes:** Minutes of April 13 public meeting with Franklin School board; Yvon Dandurand/Brooks Sturtevant made a motion to accept as written. Four approved, Andy abstained as he did not attend; motion passed. April 15 regular Selectboard meeting began with Franklin School board regarding mowing bids, public comment, dog issues. Yvon Dandurand/Ed Rainville made a motion to accept the minutes as written. All in favor, motion passed. April 27 Selectboard with Franklin School board; Yvon Dandurand/Brooks Sturtevant made a motion to accept as written. All members voted in favor, motion passed.

**Highway Department:**

Weed harvester operators; Kyle Lothian, Delbert & Andrew Cook, were present. Pete advised we have ordered the new harvester, hope to be delivered by the end of June, we will start with the old one; will sell the old weed harvester to LCCA if interested, no word yet. Would like the operator schedules to go through the town clerk's office. Kyle-June through August stated that they should get in as many hours as we can, in September there is no point. He is available daytime hours M-F. Pete advised a representative from Aquamarine will come with the machine when it is delivered, the board invite all operators to be present at that time to review the machine. Delbert can do evenings and Saturdays, Andrew can work after 4 pm and weekends. Pete states they will have a tractor dedicated just to the weed harvester; get the schedule together and let the town clerk know. Guests thanked and exited the meeting.

Pete asked Howard and Jeremy to attend the next Selectboard meeting to meet with Mario from VTrans regarding the intersection of Main St/Middle Rd/Morses Line Rd. Howard advised they have been sweeping the streets with a skid steer and sweeper from Fournier's; should finish tomorrow. Howard discussed the option of using magnesium chloride for dust control.

The 2015 Better Back Roads grant for work on Gallup Rd for ditching and Webster Rd culvert repair was reviewed. Howard stated we need to address the Pigeon Hill Rd culvert; it is caving in fast and was set wrong in the beginning. All in favor of signing the Better Back Roads grant application; Pete signed the grant.

Andy discussed the road side mowing and rental of a tractor.

Howard was thanked and exited the meeting.

Mark Toof entered the meeting.

**Town Clerk concerns:**

- **Sheriff contract:** Pete discussed and reviewed the contract for the Franklin County Sheriff and the Town. Brooks Sturtevant/Ed Rainville made a motion to sign the contract with Sheriff for the town for coverage 7/1/2015 thru 6/30/2016 in the amount of \$5,500 as approved by voters. All members voted in favor and signed the contract.
- **LCCA fireworks:** Pete reviewed the letter for LCCA for the July 3 fireworks and closure of the road from 6-10 pm. Brooks Sturtevant/Yvon Dandurand made a motion to accept; all members voted in favor, motion passed.
- **Town Facebook:** Sara and Andy discussed the pros/cons of the town having a Facebook page. Sara reviewed the page she has set up. Brooks Sturtevant/Andy Godin approve of Lisa & Sara publishing an official Facebook page for the Town online, information post only; no response/comments allowed. All members voted in favor, motion passed.

### Old Business:

- **Emergency Operation Plan:** Mark Toof present, Shaun Coleman was sick. The mutual aid list was updated with Shaun. Sara has worked with Shaun at NRPC on updates of the plan. Will review further at the next board meeting. Mark is working with the Carriage House and Homestead on an evacuation/emergency plan; Franklin Fire Department has also been involved. Mark was thanked and exited the meeting.
- **New highway member benefits:** Sara advised the Blue Cross Blue Shield application for health insurance was sent in on Monday for Jeremy Barnum.
- **Town Hall electric:** Ed has set up an inspection for May 16 with Eric Rainville to discuss the upgrades that need to be done of the old wiring in the building.
- **Mowers:** Ed discussed the mower choices and the demos of them on May 18.

### New Business:

- **Personnel Policy review:** Pete advised he had gotten a draft from the attorney for review. Need to discuss with Town Clerk to adopt for her office/position. Will review at next board meeting for final approval. Yvon asked about vacation for Jeremy; he is eligible for one week accrued. Insurance-is there a waiting period for coverage? Highway schedule was discussed. Sexual harassment policy was discussed and will be reviewed at next meeting. Drug and Alcohol policy was discussed and will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- **Letter of resignation/Planning Commission:** Greg Bouchard has submitted a letter of resignation from the planning commission board. Ed Rainville/Brooks Sturtevant made a motion to accept the letter; all members voted in favor. Town Clerk will post the open position as needed.

### Selectboard folder:

Copy of LCCA letter of offer to purchase the old weed harvester if interested.

**Green-up Day:** The Selectboard would like to recognize the efforts of the 80+ people that participated in the green-up day work and they appreciate all the help. Thank you to RJ Fournier who took 150+ tires so the town did not have to pay to get rid of them.

### Member Concerns:

- Andy asked about the water being back at the town hall; Sara advised not yet.
- Brooks advised Marshall is working on leaks in the water system. Sara stated Marshall has advised the water reservoir is down to 8 ft., may need to send out conservation letters if does not improve soon. The water commissioners meeting has been rescheduled for May 18. Brooks will get a copy of the approved charter for the next meeting of the water commissioners. Sara has been working on entering the water customers, etc.
- Pete discussed the lawn mower demo visits on May 18. Discussed trees at the town veteran park; the road crew needs to rent a stump grinder to clean up. Town Clerk will check on the tree donation for the town's 225 anniversary from the Historical Society.
- The board discussed the LCCA installing docks on the North Beach for the July 3, 2014 event; the board has concerns about it occurring again without the proper insurance.

Next regular meeting will be May 20 at 7:00 pm.

Brooks Sturtevant/Yvon Dandurand made the motion to adjourn the meeting. All members voted in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk  
Recorded by Sara Rainville, Asst. Town Clerk  
May 7, 2015

***These minutes are not official until approved at the Select board's next regular meeting.***  
Minutes were approved at the May 20, 2015 Selectboard meeting.