

**MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2012  
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

**Members Present:** Peter Magnant, Yvon Dandurand, Kyle Lothian, Andrew Godin, Lisa Larivee (Town Clerk/Treasurer)

**Guests:** Jon Gates, Tim Magnant, Cecil King, Dennis Young, Jim Pivrotto, Kim Gates Maynard, Robert Irish.

Peter Magnant called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

**Public Comment:** Cecil King was welcomed to the meeting. Mr. King was here to inquire about the prayer issue and where it stood. Pete advised we are in negotiations.

**School Board:** Jon and Tim were welcomed to the meeting. The board wanted to discuss with the school board the shared tractor use and the heating oil vendor change. Jon stated it is great to share the resources of the tractor for lawn mowing and winter sidewalk clearing. Kyle states the tractor blower is not big enough or tough enough to take care of the sidewalks. Need to look into an industrial strength blower or "V" plows for the sidewalks around town. Kyle will price out options that would fit the tractor. Yvon informed the board about the change in vendors for heating oil to Berger. He asked to let him know if there are issues with anything. Jon and Tim were thanked and exited the meeting.

**ZBA candidates:** The board wanted to meet with the candidates regarding their interest of serving on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Dennis Young was welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Young advised he has lived in town for about 22 years and wanted to give back to the town by serving on a board. Dennis was thanked and exited the meeting. Jim Pivrotto was welcomed. He is a camp owner that has served on the beach committee and septic study committee. He would like to be involved on town boards. Mr. Pivrotto was thanked and exited the meeting.

**Sheriff Coverage:** Sheriff Norris was not able to attend the meeting as planned. Kyle was given information from him to bring to the board. For 80 hours of random coverage from Memorial Day to Labor Day the cost would be approx. \$3500 plus \$500 to cover court fees as necessary; this is \$43 per hour. They would enforce stop sign and traffic/speeding ordinances around the lake and town. Tickets collected are rebated to the town for 2/3 of the fees; which aids to offset the town cost for coverage. The board will discuss further whether to include this as a line item for town meeting.

**Minutes:** Minutes of October 9; Kyle/Yvon made the motion to approve minutes. No discussion. All members voted in favor, motion passed. Minutes of October 23; Kyle/Andrew made the motion to approve minutes. No comments. All members voted in favor, motion passed. Minutes of November 12, public hearing on development regulations; Pete/Kyle made the motion to approve minutes as read. No discussion. All members voted in favor, motion passed.

**Bills/Financial statement:**

Bills were reviewed and signed.

**Town Clerk's Concerns:**

- The Dewing Road bridge/culvert engineering plans and costs are being done by Ruggiano. They have applied for the necessary state permits and are waiting for those. We should have costs and plans by the December meeting for budgeting.
- Discussed the property/liability insurance. Lisa has contacted Mullen Ins and Hull Ins for quotes. Yvon has a family member who sells insurance and would also like to speak with him about coverage. Health insurance: Lisa has spoken with Blue Cross/Blue Shield for a price sheet and plans available.
- Library/Office attic space has walls that are bare fiberglass insulation that the town clerk and librarian would like to see covered. Lisa got two quotes for sheet rocking and one coat of spackle to be done on this area. Henry Neuberger quoted \$625; Richard Boudreau quoted \$1127.53. Pete/Andrew made a motion to hire Henry Neuberger to do the sheet rocking and spackle for \$625. All members voted in favor, motion passed.

## Old Business:

- **ZBA member appointment:** Kyle/Pete made a motion to appointed Dennis Young to the ZBA to replace a resigned member for a term to end in 2015. All members voted in favor, motion passed. Pete/Andrew made a motion to appoint Jim Pivrotto as an alternate to the ZBA for a term to end in 2013. All members voted in favor, motion passed. Lisa will do letters to the two new members.
- **Tri-town arena discussion:** The board discussed the options and costs that have been drawn up for the Highgate Arena updates. Yvon has spoken with Franklin residents about the project and how they feel about it. The board does not want to make a financial burden on the town residence with this project. The approx. cost would be \$29-\$36 per \$100,000 of value for 20 years. Kyle/Pete made a motion that the Franklin Selectboard chooses the \$4.1M project approx. \$29 per 100,000 (option 4 below) for the tri-town arena. All members voted in favor, motion passed.  
Option 4 - highlights
  - New 185'x85' ice sheet & refrigeration system
  - New dasher boards & spectator seating
  - New ventilation & dehumidification system
  - Automatic sprinkler system as req'd by code
  - Miscellaneous code & energy efficiency upgrades
  - Primarily maintain existing building layout & configuration
  - New 21'x200' shed addition including 6 new lock/shower rooms
  - Renovate existing locker rooms into community room and a weight room
- **Highway runoff study:** Plans have been received for review from Cross Engineering regarding the water runoff and sand shed placement of the highway department. Kim entered the meeting to discuss future plans for the town highway dept. and the town land. She states that Franklin Telephone Co (FTC) wants to work with the town. Would like to look at all option for the sand shed and where to locate it. Green Acres at the end of town is an option. The old barn foundation there may be usable. FTC would give a long term lease to the town for use of the land. Truck traffic is a concern of FTC for the community's safety with any future development of the town land. The FTC office on Homestead drive has expensive electronic equipment; that is a concern due to the dust created when trucking sand in. Kim would like to see silt fence installed around the current sand pile to prevent runoff. The board advised the sand shed is being built to accommodate the needed sand pile, 3000 sq. ft. of sand. FTC has concerns with the buried phone cable that runs across the town land. Yvon advised that Highgate has saved money on salt usage since building their sand shed. Need to review the current and proposed drainage carefully before moving forward. Kim was thanked and exited the meeting. The board discussed cost options and location of the sand shed. Kyle and Yvon will get prices for a stick built and hoop structure. Pete will call Cross Engineering regarding the proposed drainage for the December meeting.

**Development Regulations:** Robert Irish entered the meeting and was welcomed. Mr. Irish has concerns regarding the proposed regulations and the year-round living that is occurring around the lake. The board advised that the regulations have been updated and a public hearing has been completed. Mr. Irish advised he will immediately do letters for enforcement/violations of the year round residents once the Development Regulations are accepted. He states that six years ago letters were done and no action was taken, no solution has come about. There is no good solution to handle the approx. 6 properties zoned as seasonal but being lived in year round on the lake. ZA suggests consideration of a clean slate or grandfather rule of all that has happened to date moving forward to be adopted with the new regulations. The board will consider the recommendations of the Zoning Administrator.

## Selectboard folder:

- e-mails from Cecil King regarding prayer issues.
- State of VT Property Valuation & Review has issued a letter to the listers regarding the reappraisal. The new assessments must meet a three prong test done by the state. One prong did not meet standards due to the camps on Westcott Shore because of the short term leases. Listers have taken care of the issue.
- Thank you letter from Delbert and Andrew Cook for operation of the weed harvester.
- 2013 Energy Incentive program information for communities to encourage residents to do weatherization and energy savings upgrades.

**Members Concerns:**

- The Selectboard will consider leasing the town land next to the highway dept. as a three year lease next year with a mutual agreement to be exercised each February.
- Yvon suggests that the town should consider converting to a fiscal year of July-June. This would aid with financing and budgeting. Needs to go to a public vote for the conversion. Put as an article for town meeting 2013. The change if passed would take effect in 2014.

Yvon/Kyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All members voted in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk  
November 15, 2012

***These minutes are not official until approved at the Select board's next regular meeting.*** Approved by Selectboard – December 11, 2012