

**MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2013 @ 6:00
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

Members Present: Peter Magnant, Yvon Dandurand, Andrew Godin, Kyle Lothian, Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk

Guests: Jay Shepard

Peter Magnant called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of allegiance was said.

Grissom dog: The dog was impounded by Dennis, ACO, on Wednesday morning. The owner came to the clerk's office to find out what he needed to do to get his dog back. Lisa gave him copies of all tickets and letters with demands to be met. Two board members visited the dog owner that evening and advised all fines must be paid, proof of obedience training must be in writing to the town clerk and all other demands must be adhered to by Friday, Oct 11 at noon to reclaim his dog; otherwise the dog would be the town's possession and will not be returned. Lisa advised that all the fines were paid and written confirmation of training was given to her today. The training will take place one-on-one with Tom and dog at their place starting Thursday, Oct 17. Board requested a letter be done to the Grissom's/Tom regarding last chance to keep dog; if another written complaint comes in the dog will be taken permanently. Must require a certificate of training once completed.

Vehicle on Main St: Kyle stopped to pay the Danforth's a visit regarding a vehicle being parked partially in the road on Main St. Advised the vehicle must be moved and kept out of the ROW as this is a danger to others passing by.

Intersection Browns Corner/Hanna/Webster Rd: Kyle has asked about installing arrow signs for both directions cautioning of a sharp curve as a few people recently have gone off the road when not making the curve. Believes we have some signs on hand. The board is ok with that to be done.

Dewing Bridge Bids: The board reviewed the process and recommendations from Jim Cota on awarding bids. Consider the totals, price deduction lines and what the cost to the town will be for working with the contractor for these items. The two bids were read and totaled with the alternate price deductions.

- Blow & Cote Inc.: total \$235,244.90 plus extra cost sheet for unknowns; with all deductions \$160,954.90; price with supplied precast bridge \$222,454.90.
- Munson Earth Moving Inc.: total \$230,313 with no extra costs, all included; with all deductions \$146,540; price with supplied precast bridge \$211,540.

Kyle/Peter made the motion to award the project to Munson Earth Moving for the bid of \$211,540 with the supplied precast bridge. All members voted in favor, 4-0, motion passed. Need to advise Munson Earth Moving that this award is contingent on getting approval for additional funds from the voters. Both prices are over the town's current budget, will need to make it work and go to the voters for additional funds. Will review funds left at year end for possible carry over for this specific project. Town Clerk will check with Jim Cota at VTrans regarding the hydraulic study for the down-stream of the dam.

Camp Roads: Peter had e-mailed the Town attorney regarding the option of easements with the landowners. Asked if this would work as far as the town still continuing to do the work? He advised it does not solve anything because we are still working on private roads. For the town to do work on roads, the town would have to take over the roads; if landowners would be willing to donate the land to the town in order to continue doing minimal maintenance on the camp roads. If the owners are willing to donate the roads to the town, we can write a policy to continue to do the work we have done. This would help protect the Town against liability. At previous town meetings in '81 it was voted to leave the work to the discretion of the board. Board believes it is at their discretion to do what is best. If the private roads were to be donated to the town they would need to be surveyed. The board feels they will have to reevaluate the class IV road policy if this happens. The board will send letters to the land owners to investigate option for maintaining camp roads. A separate line item will need to be placed in the budget for camp road work so everyone is aware of the actual cost to the tax payers.

Tax payment extensions: Town Clerk has asked the board, at the request of a resident, for extensions for payment of property taxes. This person is a government employee and is currently not getting paid, as they are unsure how long the furlough will continue would like to have an extension for payment. Kyle asks a few questions: Have they ever been delinquent on their taxes? Are they in the military? Discussed the issues and concerns at hand with setting precedent and being selective of whom you extend to. No decision was made, extension of payment due date not granted.

Problem dogs: Letter drafted by Yvon to the Highgate selectboard regarding moving problem dogs to Franklin. Feel dog issues should be handled within your own town. Letter will be sent to Highgate board.

Kyle/Andrew made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All members voted in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk
October 11, 2013

These minutes are not official until approved at the Select board's next regular meeting. Approved by Selectboard on November 12, 2013.