

# FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD MEETING

## OCTOBER 19, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.

### TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Members Present: Peter Magnant, Yvon Dandurand, Andy Godin, Brooks Sturtevant and Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk

GUESTS: NONE

At 7:02 p.m. Peter M called the meeting to order. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 5<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and Oct 10<sup>th</sup> special meeting; Brooks S/Yvon D made a motion to accept as written; discussion, no changes. All members voted in favor.

RECREATION DEPT: Town Rec funds—the Recreation Board has asked about the funds that are being held by the town (\$1139.12) being transferred to the Rec fund for future use. Discussion of where these funds originated from; Lisa will speak with Pierrette Bouchard who was the original grant recipient of the previous rec dept. The board would like to confirm the funds are not intended for something else before transferring the funds to the recreation committee.

- Recreation Dept bylaws were reviewed and the board recommended some changes; Art VI, section 2—If a member misses 3 consecutive *monthly* meetings the member *can be considered for termination*, ... reworded. Remove section 6 of same article regarding stipends for members; this would be approved if/when a budget is approved by the voters, does not need to be included in the bylaws.
- There should be a meeting place, date and time listed for public knowledge. Selectboard will approve after changes are made.

TOWN CLERK CONCERNS:

- Municipal Planning Grant-discussed the grant and the match funds. Taylor of NRPC has written a task plan of necessary work for the Town Plan update and to meet State regulations. If the cost stays under \$8,000 there is no match, Taylor estimates the cost to be about \$10,000 to complete the project. This amounts to a match of \$666 of town funds. The board approved the match and will include in the FY18 planning commission budget line.
- VTrans transportation alternatives grant—discussed the sidewalks on Main St and the project costs and needs associated with the project; ROW agreements, planning and construction. The board will wait and apply for a state grant in the spring when they have done more planning.
  - The radar speed warning signs on VT120/Lake Rd were discussed and reviewed the grant. The board feels this is a much needed project for the safety of pedestrians/bicycles in the recreational district. Lake Carmi Campers have been large advocates of a reduced speed limit and better signage as well. VTrans District 8 has been asked about installing the signs; the town must purchase and they will install as necessary. The grant funding of \$6,000 for the signs and associated costs will be applied for. The town match would be \$1365, which will be included in the FY18 budget. Board approved the submittal of the grant.
- VLCT liability insurance claim for the Park & Ride was reviewed. The board approved as written; Lisa will submit to VLCT.

REVIEW AND SIGN BILLS - all SB members reviewed and signed the bills and orders. The treasurer reviewed the financial reports with the board of the individual departments.

OLD BUSINESS –

- Library Pillars: Yvon spoke with Henry Rainville, should have the work completed in next 3 weeks to put bases back together; the board really appreciates the work of Burt with the boom truck to aid in stabilizing the pillars during work.
- ATV ordinance-- Andy spoke with Jim Cota at VTrans regarding using Main St for atv traffic; Jim advises that is more of a DMV issue. Andy spoke with DMV commissioner and advised that other towns use the sidewalks. No changes will be made to the ordinance to include Main St/Rte 120 for access.

- Replacement of weed harvester engine—Ed recommended in the past a Honda engine. Yvon advised the shaft fit is different with the Honda to the current Subaru engine, would not be an easy swap over. The larger Subaru engine cost is approx. \$2,555 and would fit right into the current setup. Franklin Rental is a Subaru engine dealer and could assist with the work. Would like to budget in FY18 budget; Lisa will check with the State regarding using the current grant funding to pay for a new engine. Would like to get done as soon as possible for next summer use.
- Pete was advised that the LCCA is applying for a 501C3 status to be able to apply for grants on their own.
- Sale of a portion of Town Beach—the board reviewed the statute of their ability to sell town property. Lisa will reach out to the Jackson's and Stowe's about attending the Nov 2 meeting to discuss details and a price offer.

NEW BUSINESS – none

#### SELECTBOARD FOLDER

- Dam inspection and recommendations from the State of VT on the Millpond dam were recently received.
- Drama-Deb Berger asking for permission to use the town hall for a production-board in favor.
- Swanton Wind project public hearing on Oct 24<sup>th</sup>.
- State of VT shop drain requirements.

#### MEMBER CONCERNS/OTHER BUSINESS

- Lisa advised a resident of Browns Corner Rd has asked about sweeping of the gravel off the shoulder for safety of bicycle travel.
- Andy advised he sees a need for a half-time guy for the summer months to complete all the necessary projects. A sub for the winter months would also be helpful during large storms to give the regular highway crew some rest.
- Brooks-the water commission is reviewing the Water Dept bylaws; they will have to the board for review soon. Pete asked about the water line work at the church/town hall; Brooks says are still working on the town hall section to repair the low water pressure.
- Yvon asked about crack sealing on Square Rd; Andy advised Howard did not hear back from Demag's. The Clark's bill discussed at the last meeting is all good per Andy. Yvon asked about he and Pete meeting with Wayne Davis at VTrans again regarding the Park & Ride. Pete will try to set a date.
- Pete asked about the car count from Howard at the Park & Ride; Lisa will speak with him. Discussed the Tolling agreement and having legal review; Yvon feels we should hold off until meeting with the State again.
- Pete advise Polly has spoken with Amcare about a bid for ambulance service. Pete spoke with Terry Wright of Enosburg Rescue for a bid. Will discuss at the Nov 16 meeting-invite Polly. Need to review the pros/cons of both services before making a decision.
- Pete advised he has spoken with Tom Richard and they are still having issues with the neighbor's dog. It has been moved back to their side of the yard.

At 9:03 p.m. Brooks S/Yvon D made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE NOVEMBER 2, 2016 At 7:00PM

Respectfully submitted,  
 Lisa Larivee  
 Town Clerk/Treasurer  
 October 20, 2016

**These minutes are not official until approved at the next regular board meeting.**  
 These minutes were approved at the November 2, 2016 board meeting.