

Franklin Selectboard Meeting

October 4, 2017 @ 7:00 pm

Franklin Town Clerk's Office

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:07pm Yvon D called the meeting to order. The SB did not have a quorum present, so it was explained that guests could be heard, but no decisions could be made. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Present: Yvon D, Andy G, Sandi Murphy, (at 7:20pm Brook S arrived and at 7:33 Peter M arrived)
Guests: Kathy Spears, Karen Cangelosi, Nancy Mongeur, Peter Benevento, Bill and Sharon Sorensen (LCCA members); Marc Dandurand (Quarry owner); Emily Porter Goff (Franklin Watershed Committee); Peter Mazurak (Trudeau Consulting Engineers).

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Nancy Mongeur asked how someone gets something on the Town Meeting agenda. Yvon D said the SB needs to approve it. Peter B said the LCCA has sent a letter of endorsement to the State (Julie Moore) in favor of the aeration project.

Peter Mazurak from Trudeau Consulting Engineers was present to go over the Town Garage lot FWC project. He had site plans to show the various proposed plans to divert storm water. They met with the State wetland folks at the site and it was determined there are wetland areas on the garage site. All proposals are on site. There are four parts to the proposal. The design is 90% done at this time. We are ready to go out to bid once the SB gives the word. No State Permits are needed due to the Project size. This is a comprehensive report. Peter Mazurak answered a few questions and thanked the SB for their time.

APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2017

Brook S/Yvon D made a motion to approve the minutes with one change. On line 40 correction is that Julie Moore sent a letter to Dick B explaining that the State is in control of the Mill Dam. No further discussion; vote taken, all in favor. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

- Salt contract needs to be signed. Cargill is at \$71.10 per ton for regular salt; American Rock Salt is at \$84.83 per ton. Enhanced salt is available (it works at a lower temperature). Peter M asked Andy G if this is what Jeremy wants to try. Andy was not sure. Brook S/Yvon D made a motion to sign the contract with Cargill at \$71.10 per ton. No further discussion; vote taken; all in favor. Motion carried. Peter M signed the contract with Cargill.
- Dandurand Quarry - Marc Dandurand is the landowner if the quarry on Browns Corner Rd. He is interested in leasing the Quarry to the Town. The town is exempt from needing an Act 250 Permit. Peter M asked if there was a minimum quantity needed to be used. No, but the crusher has a minimum for doing the crushing work. Marc Dandurand explained that there is some stuff ready to use. He would like \$5 a yard for rip/rap; \$8 a yard for blasted ledge; \$2 a yard for gravel; \$8 a yard for crushed rock. These prices are approximately half of market prices. The Town would lease the Quarry and an agreement needs to be drafted. This all has to be approved by the voters and the State Agency of Natural Resources. The SB agreed to be in touch with Marc Dandurand.

LCCA - CAMPERS RE: WATER CONDITION

Kathy Spears spoke about how much time she and her family spend at Lake Carmi. She was speaking as a camp owner and as a taxpayer. She asked how much of the Town tax revenue comes from the camps and how much from year round residents. Peter M said they do not have that information readily available. Nancy Mongeur thinks the weed harvester is a bandaid fix; not really solving the problem. Bill Sorensen

said we have a weed cutter; not a weed harvester. Dewing Shore and Hammond Shore are full of weeds. He asked if the harvester manufacturer can be held responsible. Peter M explained the two to three year road the SB has traveled with the manufacturer. Kathy Spears wanted to know whose responsibility it is to maintain the camp roads. Answer: they are private roads and the users and camp owners need to hire the work done. Peter M explained the voters would need to approve any town help on the private roads. Also, the town equipment is too large for those roads. Class 3 Road work was briefly discussed. The campers asked if the SB could apply for grants. Peter M explained that grants are task specific and that the Town does apply for grants as much as possible. Also, Peter Benevento stated the State is now on board and will be trying the aeration project. The SB will work with them. Rob Evans is the liaison person for the LCCA. Sharon Sorensen asked if the SB could look into herbicides. Peter M said it was not cost effective when the SB looked into herbicides a few years ago. Emily Porter Goff commented on herbicide use being detrimental. Bill Sorensen said the aerator system had been used out West on a river.

TOWN CLERK CONCERNS

VLCT insurance review - Lisa wanted the SB to review the insurance needs. No changes noted.

REVIEW AND SIGN BILLS

All SB members reviewed and signed the Bills.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Personal Policy – Andy G mentioned that many towns are doing (4) ten hour day schedules for the road crews in the summer months beyond what Franklin is doing now. Peter M wants Lisa to inquire what other towns are doing. The SB will take this up at the next meeting.

SELECTBOARD FOLDER

Peter M went through the folder.

MEMBER CONCERNS

*Yvon D - When is the next watershed meeting? Where are we at with the zoning issues? Update - the new snow blower should arrive next week.

*Brook S - none

*Andy G - none

*Peter M - update on the Park and Ride issue. Peter M met with Hugh Gates and the Homestead Directors at their last meeting. The Homestead is on board with the Park and Ride. Peter M & Hugh have a meeting set up with Joe Cahill (an attorney) to draft the agreement. Peter M mentioned someone wants to log a parcel and may need access to Apple Tree Lane off the private road. This will be discussed when appropriate. The Historical Society wants to meet with SB, Rec Committee, Library Board, etc. to discuss a Town Hall clean up. Chris Starke did not clean up after doing his work, so the town will have to get this done. We need an update on the sidewalk grant. The Quarry agreement needs to be drafted.

At 9:28 pm Brook S/Yvon D made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE OCTOBER 18, 2017 AT 7:00 PM AT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Respectfully submitted,
Sandi Murphy - minute taker
October 5, 2017

These minutes are not official until approved at the next selectboard meeting.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE OCTOBER 18, 2017 SELECTBOARD MEETING.