

# FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD MEETING

## OCTOBER 5, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.

### TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Members Present: Ed Rainville, Peter Magnant, Yvon Dandurand, Andy Godin, Brooks Sturtevant (entered 7:15) and Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk

GUESTS: Howard Vansette; Michelle Guilmette & Jean Richard, Auditors; Brendan Johnson

At 7:03 p.m. Peter M called the meeting to order. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS: move Towle Neighborhood Rd culvert work to Highway Dept.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 21<sup>st</sup> regular meeting; Andy G/Ed R made a motion to accept as written; discussion, no changes. Three yes, Ed abstained. September 26<sup>th</sup>, dog hearing; Ed R/Yvon D made a motion to accept as written; all in favor.

HIGHWAY DEPT: Howard was present to discuss highway issues.

- Morses Line Rd culvert-Work was done last week; Howard has inspected and advised the work looks good. A concrete wall was poured at the inlet to prevent undermining of culvert; inlet is higher but stone was added to protect the banks; rebar was welded to keep concrete insert secure; approx. 28 yds of concrete was used. Continue to monitor in the spring.
- Paving: Morses Line border road looks really good. Dewing Rd intersection with Towle was cut back and re-aligned. Trucks are having trouble making the sharper turn now from Dewing onto Towle Neighborhood Rd. Stop signs need to be reset, markers will be installed to make new curve of corner clear. Will install a new Dewing Rd sign at the intersection. Andy advised Pike did a good job in their work; a letter should be done to acknowledge their efforts.
- Weed harvester will be taken out of the lake this week. Ed advised should change the oil before storing for winter. A new winch was bought for the trailer, used to pull harvester up.
- Towle Neighborhood Rd culvert work; discussion of the bill for Dan-reviewed the details, totals \$477.50. Discussion of old culvert that was removed. Ed R/Andy G approve the bill as written-should not happen again that work is done without board approval. All in favor.
- Andy advised he has not received a quote for the bed-lining for the new truck yet; will have for the next meeting.
- Andy spoke of the new loader that is at the town garage; Yvon got a call from Kirk Artus from Beauregard Equipment regarding trying this Case loader, it was brought up for us to try out. Ed states the board needs to all be made aware of these happenings, so if asked we know what is going on.

REVIEW AND SIGN BILLS - all SB members reviewed and signed the bills and orders. Ed has looked for the Lake Greeter Data on-line and is not able to find. Questions about the Clark's bill, Andy will speak with the highway crew. Lisa asked about the town hall/church water line billing; the church agreed to pay half of the cost up to \$1300.

ANIMAL CONTROL – Lisa gave the update from Dennis; visited the St. Pierre/King residence, a 16x16 enclosure with padlock has been installed and is attached to the back deck-it is a very good job to secure the dogs. Lisa will do a follow-up letter acknowledging compliance and waiving the fine, must continue control. Brooks stated he got a call from S. Richard about the Thompson dog again; has been moved back to their side and is still an issue.

OLD BUSINESS –

- Weed Harvester update: Ed states is running a bit better with modifications that were tried. Should be removed from lake and stored.
- Library Pillars: some work was done this week by Henry Rainville, Yvon will check if they are complete.
- Park & Ride Tolling agreement: this agreement extends the time we have to resolve the issue. The board is not comfortable in signing the agreement at this time and would like legal review before doing so. Discussion of filing an insurance claim with VLCT for liability coverage of the State funds to be repaid. Brooks S/Ed R made a motion to file an insurance claim with VLCT for the Park & Ride funds of \$41,250. All members in favor, motion passed. Discussion of taking over the road to become a town road. Yvon

states when he and Pete met with the State last year; they advised there were no strings attached to this grant. Yvon would like to meet with the state again, hold off on the tolling agreement as we are still trying to negotiate. Yvon spoke with Bethany at NRPC regarding the agreement; she is willing to assist in getting a date set up to meet with the State again. Ed would like to see a proration of the bill if required to pay back as it was open for a time. Lisa will send the tolling agreement to VLCT to review.

#### NEW BUSINESS –

- Review of Property/liability Insurance renewal – discussed building values and coverage classes. Pete advised all is ok as listed on renewal. Lisa will return to VLCT
- Library brick work – Lisa presented a contract of \$7500 from Jay Lawrence Masonry as quoted and approved at town meeting to do all the brick repair on the town clerk/library building late this fall if weather permits or early spring. Brooks S/Yvon D made a motion for Pete to sign the contract for Jay Lawrence for \$7500 for library brick work. All members in favor, motion passed.
- ATV ordinance – the board reviewed the ATV ordinance which allows atvs on all town roads except State Rte 120 & 236 including Main St. Andy would like to allow them on Main St to be able to access the other roads across town. He will speak with Jim Cota on the requirements and if this is allowed.

#### SELECTBOARD FOLDER

- Swanton Wind notice of public hearing
- Letter from Ron Jackson of Lake Rd with a request to purchase approx. 195 ft of the beach at the east end for their use. Ed feels this needs to be taken to the voters. This area is not being used by the public as there are large rocks and a culvert and is overgrown. Discussion of a cost if the town were to sell. Further research is needed on the process for a town to sell land.
- VTrans Transportation Alternative grant – sidewalks would be eligible for funding. Yvon will get pricing on sidewalks for Main St from Hanna Rd to Square Rd in front of store and Main St from Racine's north to the Town hall. Also the flashing speed limit signs for Lake Rd, at both ends of the 35 mph zone (Riley Rd to Dewing Rd) may be eligible as they are speed safety enhancements. Grant is due Oct 20<sup>th</sup>, Lisa will try to get it submitted and we would have to budget for FY18 the matching funds.

#### MEMBER CONCERNS/OTHER BUSINESS

- The Auditors discussed with the board the concerns that the town residents have with the tax rate; as a result of an error in the town report with the FY16 carryover revenue funds used to offset the budget not being allocated correctly in the report; also the revenue for FY16 that was over anticipated and not received, partly due to grant funds not being received until after July 2016. The Auditors offered suggestions to resolve this issue and planning for the future. Recommending that the board reach out to VLCT for guidance to improve the new fiscal year budget process. Discussion of anticipated revenue/expenses and getting the most accurate numbers for the budget. Fiscal year vs. calendar year budgets/revenue and the pros/cons were also discussed. The Town Clerk and Auditors are reviewing the numbers and putting together a clear explanation for the meeting next week
- Brooks S advised Dennis had been contacted about the Thompson dog and was going to make a visit.
- Ed R states the board is in support of the Town Clerk regarding clearing up the concerns and issue of the tax rate and budget.
- Yvon D asked about crack sealing of Square Rd. Andy had asked Howard to call for a price and has not heard back yet.

At 10:25 p.m. Brooks S/Yvon D made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE OCTOBER 19, 2016 At 7:00PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Larivee  
Town Clerk/Treasurer  
October 6, 2016

**These minutes are not official until approved at the next regular board meeting.**

These minutes were approved at the October 19, 2016 board meeting.