

**MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2012
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

Members Present: Peter Magnant, Yvon Dandurand, Kyle Lothian, Wayne Laroche, Andy Godin, Lisa Larivee (Town Clerk/Treasurer)

Guests: Amy Macrellis, Don Robinsky, Peter Benevento, Ruth Ann Kryesky, Robert Irish, Kim Gates Maynard

Peter Magnant called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Peter would like to pause for a moment on the anniversary of 911 to remember all those lost and to thank our volunteer fire department members for their years of service.

Minutes: Minutes of August 14 with changes of vote results. Kyle/Yvon made the motion to approve minutes. All members voted in favor, motion passed. Minutes of August 22 joint meeting with Planning Commission. Kyle/Yvon made the motion to approve minutes as written and read. No comments. All members voted in favor 4-0, Wayne abstained, motion passed.

Bills/Financial statement:

Bills were reviewed and signed.

LCCA: Peter and Ruth Ann entered the meeting to discuss Milfoil management options that the committee has continued to explore. Wevals are an option that they have looked at to reduce and control the milfoil. The wevals eat the milfoil. LCCA has spoken with a college group and Ann Bove from the State of VT about the program. This would be a two year program to place the wevals in the milfoil concentrated areas. They will continue to reproduce and eat the milfoil, co-habitate well with fish life. A 2 year program with a slow application cost approx. \$35,000, medium application \$77,000 and a fast application \$102,000. This is an experimental program still being studied. The LCCA will look for available grants to aid in the cost. Other options are a new harvester; will look into costs and equipment available. Harvesting has gone well this year except for the floating weeds that land on shore lines. Surveys have been done regarding weed control and effects at the lake. LCCA plans to attend the "greeter programs" to educate boaters about keeping invasive species out of our lake. Peter would like to have a sign installed "Lake Carmi" at the North end beach so visitors are aware of what the body of water is. Members were thanked and exited the meeting.

Septic Study:

Amy Macrellis from Stone Environmental and Don Robinsky from the State of VT entered the meeting to discuss the final wastewater feasibility study for the village and lake. Advise that lake residence must be proactive with their current systems to preserve them and keep them working; reduce water usage and installing compost toilets. There are not immediate projects planned.

Village has approximately 90 properties which could tie into a wastewater system. If all individuals installed a new system on their own, the total costs would be approx. \$2 million. There are several options for the village. A complete municipal system would cost approx. \$5 million. Yearly maintenance costs would be for a part time operator, electric costs for pumps and general upkeep. The system designed by Stone Environmental is for 25,000 gal/day output which includes a 10% growth factor; similar to the State Park system. Rural Development and the state revolving loan funds have loans available to municipalities. There may be pollution prevention grants to pay for approx. 30% of the project. Grants for limited service income areas are also an option. Look into State of VT "Capital Improvement" programs.

The activities of the entire community use the village center; the school, churches, store, town offices/library. Need to look at the growth potential of the village and the need to move the septic off site out of the village center. Potential system sights are limited. Recent projects/studies were done in West Windsor, Huntington, Cabot, E. Fairfield.

Amy and Don thanked and exited the meeting.

Town Clerk's Concerns:

Tax rate: The tax rate has been set at Residential \$1.4475 and Non-residential \$1.8145. Discussed the rate details and grand list for the new assessments that have been completed. Kyle/Wayne made the motion to accept the tax rate as set. All members voted in favor, 5-0 motion passed.

Old Business:

- **Dewing Shore stabilization:** Kyle has spoken with the campers on Dewing Shore Rd about the project to be done this fall; they were responsive and positive. Jim Dewing will work with the highway crew. Kyle has looked into hiring two dump trucks to haul the large stones for \$70 & \$75 as not to damage our truck/chain beds. Roland Rainville has donated the large stones and Steve Hanna from the State of VT has approved the size variations.
- **Development Regs:** Reviewed the opinion of the VLCT Attorney, Jim Barlow, regarding the wording of the Planning Commission's suggestion for the septic issues with camps. He advised that the septic must follow the state regulations and the town cannot control septic. The systems were grandfathered by the state as existing for the existing uses. Lisa will contact DEC/State wastewater division for a translation of the year-round vs. season use of a septic.

Robert Irish entered the meeting to discuss with the board the subdivision section of the development regulations. He has serious concerns with the new requirements for single lot subdivision, section 5. For a single lot division there are many more than necessary requirements which will make it very difficult for individuals to cut off a piece of land for development. Planning Commission hearings will be needed and much extra paperwork. Robert plans to attend the PC meeting on Sept 18; the select board is also attending to discuss regulations. Lisa asked to also invite Catherine Dimitruk from NWRP.

Tri-town Committee: Kim entered the meeting to review with the board the engineering options that have drawn up by the engineer working on the feasibility study. There are several options that will be presented at a public hearing on September 26 @ 6:30 at the Highgate Arena. The hope is that all select boards will attend and encourage attendance of community members. To move forward with any option best fit for all communities public input is necessary.

New Business:

- **Johnson septic:** The Johnson's that purchased the Heath camp in the Blackwoods have concerns with their failed septic system. The system was approved by the Select board in March 1988 and apparently installed at a different location than approved. The system is now 20 plus years old and has failed. The select board does not feel they are responsible to get involved.
- **ZBA Resignation:** tabled as no one has come forward for the position.
- **Dog Ordinance:** discussed the new draft ordinance as presented. Section 5A changes to be made as noted by chair to include the leash law language for the Village and East Franklin as mapped on zoning maps. Kyle/Wayne made a motion to adopt the dog & wolf hybrid ordinance as written with changes. All members voted in favor, 5-0 motion passed.
- **Salt purchase:** purchase agreement with Cargill for the 2013 season at \$63.28 ton on the State of Vermont contract. Members approved and signed.

Selectboard folder:

- VLCT town fair information-municipal policy, board of directors meeting.
- September 17 – Enosburg Emergency Services meeting at fire department in Enosburg
- Cross Engineering map of proposed drainage and sand shed. Board would like to hold a public hearing before town meeting of their proposal.
- Mike & Dena Benjamin digester project.
- Prayer court hearing date for September 25.

Members Concerns:

- Yvon would like to continue to receive the bill copies for fuel oil and LSD so he may monitor the pricing from Bergers.
- NWRP is holding a "healthy community" dinner at MVU on Sept 12.
- BCA (Board of Civil Authority) will need to meet regarding assessment appeals of the listers decisions. Hearings must begin before Oct 3. Currently Lisa has one written request for a BCA hearing.

Kyle/Wayne made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All members voted in favor 5-0, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk
September 13, 2012

These minutes are not official until approved at the Select board's next regular meeting. Approved by Selectboard – October 9, 2012