

**MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD
SPECIAL MEETING – WATER DISTRICT
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2014 @ 7:00 P.M.
TOWN CLERK’S OFFICE**

Members Present: Peter Magnant, Yvon Dandurand, Brooks Sturtevant, Andrew Godin, Ed Rainville.

Guests: Joseph (Jess) Alexant, Mike Lawyer.

Peter Magnant called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was said.

Agenda amendment: None

Public Comments: No public comments

Water Commissioners: Peter introduced Jess Alexant to the board; he lives in town and would be a good asset on the board of commissioners. Mr. Alexant states he has been a water engineer for 43 years; he is a professional engineer and was licensed in VT in the past. He now works in Canada for Stantec also works from his home here in Franklin on occasion. Pete discussed the need to hire commissioners for three terms, staggering from now with one, two, and three year terms running from July-June.

Peter/Yvon made a motion to nominate Jess Alexant for the three year term as water commissioner. All members voted in favor.

Ed/Yvon made a motion to nominate Brooks Sturtevant for a two year term as water commissioner. Brooks abstained, four members voted in favor.

The board discussed the candidate for the third position on the commission. Mike does not have the time to commit; would like to see a member of the prudential committee on the board. Ed advised Richard Westcott has shown interest, not sure he would accept.

Ed/Yvon made a motion to nominate Marshall Ploof for a one year term as water commissioner. Three votes yes, Ed, Yvon, Pete; two against, Brooks and Andy.

RFP for operator: Pete handed out draft copies of the RFP for the members to review. Discussed the need for a part-time operator vs. a full-time operator/highway crew member. The board should review the needs of the state being advised by John Kiernan vs. statues of what is required; may want to keep it as simple as possible. Jess feels the RFP needs to have more detail of day-to-day tasks and what is needed of the system. Marshall is still willing to be involved in assisting to train an operator and guide them through the transition. Tim Raymond from the state is willing to meet with the water commissioners about what is needed moving forward. The board proposed dates of Oct 13 or 27 for Tim to meet with the commission; Mike advises the state is looking for meter readings now and the acidity testing (cooper and lead) to be done and reported. Jess will review the RFP and give recommendations to the board. Pete states he was looking at more of an employee position than a contracted position.

Member Concerns: Bridge work is coming along well, the bridge was set on Friday the 19th; should be completed sooner than expected. Guardrails will be installed a week later than planned.

Brooks inquired about the need for Planning Commission members with two vacancies. The selectboard must appoint members to these positions. The PC could meet just quarterly or as needed.

Andy spoke with Jeremy Barnum about being a backup driver for the highway crew in winter. Mr. Barnum is willing to be available.

Next regular meeting will be October 8th at 7:00. The meeting with the School board will not be on Oct 15th, will be rescheduled at a later date.

Brooks/Ed made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All members voted in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk
September 24, 2014

These minutes are not official until approved at the Select board’s next regular meeting. These minutes were approved on October 8, 2014.