

**MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2010
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

Members Present: Peter Kittell, Peter Magnant, Scott Choiniere, Harvey Bushey, Lisa Larivee (Town Clerk/Treasurer)

Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00. The Pledge of Allegiance was said

Town Clerk's Concerns:

- The renewal application for the property, liability, vehicle, workers comp. insurance was reviewed. Minor changes have been made to adjust the accuracy of coverage. The rates are anticipated to increase by approximately 1.5% over last year.
- Health Insurance proposed rates were reviewed. Lynn is meeting with a BCBS rep and will report back to the board how their rates compare.
- Lisa spoke with NWRP about the Efficiency Vermont grants available to replace street lighting. She is working with Deb Perry at NWRP on the grant and needs to acquire information from Vermont Electric on the current lights. Deb advises there is also an Efficiency VT engineer available for advice if needed at no cost to the town.
- TDBank Affinity Program has been presented to the town and residents by the Historical Society. If you have an account with TDBank you just have to go to the bank and ask to join the affinity program and designate the Franklin Historical Society as your partner. This is free of charge and an internal bank designation only, no outside account information is given. TDBank annually gives a donation on behalf of the joined members to the FHS. Montgomery receives approximately \$8000 annually for their historical society. The board approves of Lisa signing up the town's accounts.
- The town clerk's office will be closed on Veterans Day, Nov 11 and for Thanksgiving, Nov 24 & 25.
- The stair treads to the library are showing much wear. Several have fallen off and many are cracked and crumbling. Lisa would like board permission to replace them all. She has done some preliminary pricing; cost would be approx. \$700. The board would like her to get some actual price quotes before making a decision.
- Maternity Leave – Sara will be out from Nov 22 until Jan 3 for leave. She is using 3.5 weeks of vacation/sick time that she has available. Lisa is looking for approval for payment of the remaining 2.5 weeks for leave time. Board discussed and no decision was made, tabled until next meeting.
- Beach Surveys were tallied by Lynn from the Nov 2 poll that was done. Of the 114 surveys done 77% would like to see the town acquire the property. Lisa will speak with Lynn about a committee meeting date. Liability appears to be the concern of residents. VLCT has advised insurance premiums will not be much different and suggest proper signage be put up. Peter Kittell would like to measure the land to get a more accurate acreage. Heidi Valenta has advised of a Watershed grant that may be available for work to be done; Lisa will ask her to get more information for the board. Lisa will contact Ted Meunier about the cost of deed work and a survey; if they are willing to pay for or does the town need to take care of. ANR will be here on November 17 to review the Dewing Shore project for the Better Back Roads grant that has been submitted. Heidi would also like to explore possible options with them for the Beach area and what could be done.
- Bills: Board members reviewed and signed bills. Question on the Green Province product and exactly what it is. Lisa will inquire with the highway dept. and advise.
- Minutes: Peter Kittell/Pete Magnant made the motion to accept minutes of October 11. All members in favor, approved.

Town Hall Use:

- Nicki Tatro has requested to use the town hall for a children's health clinic on Saturdays. She is not sure of dates or how many she will have yet. The board all agreed that it is ok and charges will be \$10 per hour as per the town hall policy.
- Vicki Gratton – Director of the Drama Club that has developed in the Elementary School has asked to use the town hall for a performance of Peter Pan. They will rehearse in Nov-Jan with a show at the end of Jan. The board all approved of this function at no charge as it is a children's school program for the community.
- Kevin Gagne from Highgate has asked about using the town hall for his Remote Control Club group during the winter. They have model planes, helicopter, trucks, ect that they want to continue to use for the winter. The board would like more info from Mr. Gagne; Lisa will give him a call.

Old Business:

- Tri-town recreation committee member gave an update. The board met with the Highgate Selectboard last week. They are applying for a grant for planning, finance options, engineering

studies. It appears at this time that the old building is not sound to rehabilitate. Need to determine the interest in building a new facility and have voter approval.

- Morses Line Border Crossing: NWRP has compiled testimony and information gathered from the recent assembly. Federal Reps, Sanders & Leahy have done letters of support to keep the border open. This information has been hand delivered to Dept of Homeland Security.
- Town hall trees – Peter is waiting for a call from a tree service for a price to remove/prune the trees. May have to access the back trees through the neighbors yard if permission is given.

Junk ordinance:

- Norm Kern continues to make progress.
- Raymond Jette is building a wooden fence to block view and has cleaned up much junk.
- Carl Vieta seems to have ceased progress; trailers still need to be removed
- Russin trailer- new one by the blue barn has raised some concern. They are working on the inside of trailer.

New Business:

- Stop Sign Ordinance: Discussion on the safety of Browns Corner Rd/Durkee Rd intersection. Board agreed to install double stop signs and stop ahead signs west bound on Browns Corner Rd. There is concern that people are not stopping in this direction. A “three way stop” notice sign will also be installed. Tabled amending the ordinance to later date if necessary.
- Planning Commission submission of a Municipal Planning Grant. The PC has been working with NWRP for a planning grant to assist in the rewriting/update of the town plan. Reviewed the work that is been done to date with the zoning bylaws. The PC has rewritten the zoning application and requirements for camp conversion to year round. Board discussed the grant application and all members approved of submitting. Board signed a resolution for the grant; Lisa will forward to the PC for signature and then to NWRP.
- Thank you to Kyle Lothian for his many hours of work and expertise with operating the weed harvester. Scott will do a thank you letter. LCCA should also do the same.

Park & Ride/Homestead Drive:

Scott has contacted our attorney about proceeding with a hearing to settle the issue.

Environmental court hearing will be on hold until this issue is resolved.

Selectboard Folder:

- ZBA hearing notice for Ernest Englehardt; addition to camp
- FCID – invite to luncheon at the Abbey on Nov 18th
- Barb Varin has submitted a complaint about the parking of the library/town office around the corner from Main St onto Hanna Rd. This creates a safety hazard for traffic. Scott has asked Lisa to speak with the librarian; she will talk to the Story hour group about not parking on the corner. Scott contacted the state as it is in their ROW about putting up signs “no parking to corner”. He is awaiting a reply from VTrans. The select board will look into installing signs if the state wishes not to.
- The Driveway permit application has been updated to include a final inspection line to be followed up on after installation. Suggestion that all driveways must have a culvert.
- Detail loss report from VLCT on the claims the town has was discussed.

Member Concerns:

- Sidewalk review of grant funds and completion. Final invoice for Hoyle, Tanner, on-site engineer reviewed. Tabled until Hoyle, Tanner meets with the board. Discussion on the shimming/resurfacing coat from Main St to School. Survey work has been done by Hoyle, Tanner on the road grade; sidewalk design by Stantec did not consider the road condition/grade for proper curb reveal. Lisa to contact Jim Cota from VTrans for recommendations about the road work needed to be done by the town. Need to contact VTrans about using grant funds for resurfacing work. Harvey wants to over see the sidewalk/street completion.
- Square Rd has a spot that needs to be dug up and repaired before the resurface work is done in the spring. Harvey will assist the highway crew.
- Brush hogging will be done in early December around portions of town.

The next regular Select board meeting is December 13, 2010.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Harvey/Peter Kittell. All in favor, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk
November 10, 2010

These minutes are not official until approved at the Selectboard's next regular meeting on December 13, 2010. Approved at the December 13, 2010 meeting.