

**MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD
MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2011
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

Members Present: Scott Choiniere, Peter Kittell, Peter Magnant, Yvon Dandurand, Kyle Lothian, Lisa Larivee (Town Clerk/Treasurer)

Guests Present: Heidi Valenta, Sue Clark, Vicki Gratton, Carole Richard, Brian Clark and Michael Gordon.

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

Town Hall Committee:

Sue Clark, Vicki Gratton, Carole Richard entered the meeting to discuss work that they would like to see done at the town hall; this building is an important piece to the community for drama, historical society, library, etc. A Preservation Trust representative has done an inspection of the building to recommend needed work; Sue Clark advised the basement and back room area need attention. Drainage on the north-east end of the building needs to be done. The basement needs to be cleaned out completely to remedy the moisture issue. The old wooden chairs need to be cleaned out; maybe they can be sold to offset the repair costs. The clerk's office will do some research on the value of the chairs and post a notice on the website that they are for sale; also the basketball hoops and scoreboard. The committee has an active, ambitious group willing to clean out and paint inside areas. Basement window replacement is also necessary. The Watershed group has the AmeriCorps group here from July 18-Aug 12 which may assist with projects. The board requested having them scrape the outside of the building that is in need of a new coat of paint. Sue Clark will look into a Cultural Facilities grant (50/50) for update work to be done inside. Committee thanked by the select board and exited.

Watershed:

Heidi entered the meeting to update the board on the septic feasibility work. The feasibility committee met last week to review 3 firms RPF's and make a recommendation of the firm to hire for the field work to be done around the lake and village district. Heidi advises that Stone Environmental and Green Mountain Engineering (one group) for a cost of \$29,100 was the selected choice. The Watershed's goal is to assist them by posting information to the public on their website and newsletters to get complete community involvement in the focus areas. Heidi will contact Don Robisky and schedule a kick-off meeting within about 2 weeks. Lisa will warn a board meeting when the date is confirmed by Heidi. Peter Magnant/Peter Kittell made the motion to approve the hiring of Stone Environmental and Green Mountain Engineering with the contingency of receiving the state grant funding for the feasibility project. 5-0 All members voted in favor, motion passed.

Heidi asked for an update on the beach transfer. Lisa updated that the deed has been signed, the Meunier's need to sign the affidavit of possession to complete the transfer documents. Lisa will be in touch with Fish & Wildlife regarding the lease of the boat launch and clear location which they will maintain and sign for town review before accepting. Peter Kittell is not in favor of leasing to F&G. Heidi has been speaking with Northwest Regional Planning about grants for shore work and what can be done at the beach. There is a grant due by July 15 through NWRP for a pre-proposal review which could give some options. Steven Hanna with VT Environmental Conservation has been contacted to get some feedback as well. There may be Clean & Clear funds for next year, Jim Smith may be able to assist with this. Heidi will be in touch with AmeriCorps for work availability.

Weed Harvester Operator:

The board interviewed two candidates for the weed harvester operator position. A third interview will be conducted on Friday at which time a determination will be made as to who will be given the job. Kyle reviewed the job requirements and duties with each applicant. Written notification will be given to all applicants.

Town Clerk's Concerns:

- **Beach & Dock agreement:** The beach deed has been signed and the affidavit of possession needs to be signed. Fish & Game will be contacted for the lease of boat launch. The draft Dock Agreement and opinion from VLCT staff attorney were reviewed and discussed. Peter Kittell/Yvon Dandurand made a motion that no docks will be allowed at the North end beach of Lake Carmi on the town owned property. 5-0 All members voted in favor, motion passed. The town clerk will do letters to the two previous dock owners for board approval.
- **Town Clock:** Peter Magnant advised the board that the clock and tower had been struck by lightning several weeks ago. The clock was damaged but is still working. The church is submitting an insurance claim for the building/clock damage. Lisa has been asked by a resident about making a tax deductible contribution to the needed repair of the clock. She will be in touch with such person. Tabled final work until July for review.
- **VTrans** has recommended that a painted "Stop Bar" on Hanna Rd should be present. It was reviewed by the board. This should be painted down on the street in conjunction with the stop sign. The highway crew will check with Highgate that have stencils; also repaint the crosswalk at the school on Square Rd. Lisa will contact Jim Cota at Dist. 8 for guidance and requirements.
- **Rice Hill -High Risk Rd:** NWRP has advised that VTrans has received funds to assist with road signs and work to be done on the road for safety issues. They will meet next week with Sheldon, Highgate and Franklin regarding plans. Peter Kittell and Howard will attend.
- **Alarm setup:** Lisa has checked with Life Safety Systems and Rail City security for prices. Rail City does not have a compatible product to fit into the system we currently have. Life Safety can do the work; \$400 for setup/lines and \$252/yearly for monitoring. Scott advised we should be able to do a direct dial to 911 without the monitoring charge. Lisa will look into.
- **Jeff Danforth** has been taking stone and gravel from the town pile for personal use. The board has been in touch with him to advise of being billed. The product was returned to the garage. Town Clerk will do a letter about the taking of town property.
- **The Town Clerk** has a concern with an elderly Homestead resident hanging around the garage when the highway crew are working and/or when not present. There are safety and liability concerns with him being at the garage. Kyle will speak with the gentleman and Peter K will advise the highway crew they must lock the garage when not present.
- **Bills:** Board members reviewed and signed bills. Hold the bill for Leach's on the blue rock. The price charged is not what was agreed to at \$10/yd., Howard will check with Hank on billing. Legal bills appear to be large as the Prayer issue is to be covered by VLCT insurance. Scott will be in touch with Stitzel's office to discuss.
- **Minutes:** May 9, Peter Kittell/Kyle made the motion to accept minutes as corrected. 5-0 All in favor, approved.
May 15, Scott/Peter Magnant made the motion to accept minutes as written. 5-0 All in favor, approved.
- **Financial reports** were reviewed and discussed. The Town Clerk will look into the need for a Tax anticipation note to present at the July meeting to meet expenses until property taxes are received.

Old Business:

- Tri-town committee: Peter Magnant advised of the last meeting events. The board will wait until fall to do the RFP for the feasibility study. There are Municipal Planning Grants that are available to all towns for application. Discussion of the three towns applying for a joint grant to do the study. Need to review the three town's interest in the joint application for such a project. Peter Magnant will speak with Swanton.
- Jette property on Dewing Road was discussed with concerns by the neighbors and surrounding community members. The issue will be tabled until next meeting for more information.

New Business:

- Blue Rock: Marc Dandurand has given a proposal to the Town of availability for blue rock from his quarry on Browns Corner Rd. He has various sized rocks piled for the town to purchase at \$6/yard. Peter Kittell will be in touch with Mr. Dandurand to view the product to decide if it is usable for the town roads.

Selectboard Folder:

- Highway training certificate for the highway crew.
- VLCT choice of health insurance vendors for 2012 will be offered to the towns. The board would like to shop around for rates before budget time.

Member Concerns:

- Art Davis has inquired about the placement of Webster Rd off the end of Rice Hill on the class 4 portion. The road appears to have been changed from the original route by the Le Duc property. Mr. Davis would like to do some road upgrades and wants to be sure of the road placement first. Board members will look into with Mr. Davis and make a determination.
- There has been a new sign installed at the intersection of Morses Line Rd and Rte. 235. It is a USA/Canada welcome sign that is in the Town ROW. All members are in favor of the sign and it is fine.
- Yvon would like all slips for Blouin Bros deliveries to be confirmed with him for the price billed.
- Yvon would like to see information kept on the individual road costs and work done. Lisa advised the highway crew is currently doing this on a program they have set up. Lisa will print reports for the next meeting.
- Town Hall Committee would like to meet with the board at the town hall to go over the items that may be thrown/cleaned out. The board will meet on June 20th at 7:00 at the town hall.

Next regular Selectboard meeting is July 11, 2011.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Kyle/Peter Magnant. 5-0 All members voted in favor, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk
June 14, 2011

These minutes are not official until approved at the Select board's next regular meeting. These minutes were approved on July 11, 2011.