

**MINUTES OF FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD
MONDAY, JULY 14, 2008, AT 7:00 P. M.
FRANKLIN CENTRAL SCHOOL**

PRESENT: Peter Kittell, Jamie Boudreau, Scott Choinieire, Lynn Paradis, Harvey Bushey and Lisa Larivee, Franklin Town Clerk/Treasurer.

Peter called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

SCOTT ROAD TURNAROUND: Peter informed the Board that he had received paperwork prepared by Mr. Martin outlining the agreement with the town. He asked that members review the material as it will be discussed later. Harvey stated that he does not understand why we are going through all this. We had used this property for a turn around for many years and when we were told we could no longer use it, we should have taken immediate action. It should have been “grandfathered in”. Peter stated that the Scott Road ends just before the house and when it was sold a few years ago, the new owners did not want people turning around on their property. He stated it is o.k. for people to not give you permission to turn around on their property. The road ends and the school bus would not turn around or make pick ups. Harvey stated we had been turning around there for years. Peter responded that they parked stuff in the way so the area could not be used.

TOWN CLERK’S CONCERNS:

Tax Rate: Lisa advised that setting of the tax rate has been postponed because a meeting of the Board of Civil Authority has been called for Monday night regarding an appeal of a change in an assessment. If the appeal is granted, then there will be a change in the grand list. Lisa stated the tax rate can be set at the next Selectboard meeting and that will still give her office enough time to get everything out. Discussion was held on the present and anticipated tax rate. Peter noted that we have really not had a drastic change in our tax rate.

Dog Census: Lisa stated that last meeting she noted that the dog census was discussed, but she did not see where a decision was made.

Town Clock: Lisa advised that she placed an ad regarding painting of the town clock, but had no response. She noted that the church would like to paint the steeple and would like to see if they can work something out with the town. Peter advised that he spoke with Jason about this matter and they will follow up.

Town Offices: Lisa reminded members that funds were included in the budget to replace the posts on the town signs as the ones there now are pretty rotten. Funds were also included for painting of the exterior doors and fascia and insulation of the attic to prevent ice build up. Discussion was held on the projects. Jamie questioned exactly what is happening with the attic

and Peter and Lisa explained the layout, problems, vents, etc. Jamie and Peter will get together one night and look the situation over and come up with a plan.

Road Salt: Lisa reminded the Board that there is a letter in the Selectboard folder regarding purchase of road salt for the winter season. She stated the State is apparently trying to get as many towns as possible to form a state-wide pool to purchase from the same vendor in an effort to get the best available price. It was noted that a response is due by the 25th of the month. It was noted that we used 246 tons of salt last year and towards the end of the season, it was difficult finding salt to purchase. Howard was, however, able to purchase some through the State. It was noted that we will have to make a commitment to purchase a set amount of salt.

Budget Issues: Lynn had some questions regarding reimbursement from the school for Lisa's health insurance. Lisa will check it out and get back to Lynn.

The Board thanked Lisa and she exited the meeting.

WEED HARVESTER:

Kyle Lothian entered the meeting. He thanked the Board for giving him the opportunity to run the weed harvester this year. He advised the Board that he has put in 64 hours so far and that 9 1/2 hours of that time has been spent on maintenance. He has harvested 18 loads out of the south end and would have gone to the north on Saturday except he hooked something at King's Point and had to do maintenance. Kyle advised that he has had positive response from many campers who have told him there is a difference in front of the camps; less weeds in front of the camps. Kyle advised that it is his goal to put in the entire 300 hours and if he is not able to do so he will be very close. Kyle stated he has been getting thumbs up and waves from campers letting him know they appreciate that he's out there. He also advised the Board that at one point, some youngsters approached him with questions and he explained the operation, showed them milfoil, etc., and they were very appreciative of his efforts. In fact, he was later stopped by grandparents who informed him how much the kids had enjoyed his presentation. Kyle stated that he was thinking that it might be beneficial to put some type of "fish finding" apparatus on the harvester which would allow the operator to see below, thus avoiding hitting things and making less maintenance. He stated he is not sure whether it would work and would have to investigate further, but it was just a thought as a way to lower maintenance costs. Kyle noted that he has been doing maintenance himself and it has cost less than \$30 for pieces and parts so far this year. He advised that he is keeping it greased. He explained to the Board some maintenance issues he has found due to the age of the harvester and the type of replacement parts he used to improve the condition and lower maintenance. He stated that on Saturday, he spent \$18 on parts, some of which he thought he would need but did not and they were returned for a total maintenance cost that day of \$12. Kyle further noted that he wanted the Board to know that Boy and Ron have been excellent in helping him out. Kyle advised that with the high price of fuel, he is making sure that he uses nearly all of the fuel in the tank, which holds about six gallons, before he stops for the day. He did express concern about storage of the tractor. It was noted that the town's

tractor is down and Peter has loaned his tractor. Kyle further advised the Board that he has obtained approval from the Dewings to dump weeds. Discussion held on maintenance issues and Kyle questioned whether or not the Board wanted him to continue. The entire Board agreed that Kyle be authorized to make repair and maintenance costing \$100 or less. Maintenance over \$100 will require further authorization. Harvey asked Kyle to keep a maintenance log and Kyle advised that he has already been doing so.

BOUNDARY DISPUTE:

Mark Racine appeared before the Board. He updated the Board on a boundary dispute which involves property through which the town has a right-of-way. He outlined to the Board that he purchased his property 17 years ago and his deed says he owns ½ acre or less, but there are no specific details regarding frontage, etc. Mark was questioned about whether or not his deed referred to any particular reference point which could be used to determine his boundaries and he stated that not to his knowledge. He was under the impression that he owned to a certain point and he has cared for it, removed junk, etc., for 17 years. His neighbor is attempting to sell a lot and he had a survey done and there are now some boundary questions. He advised he has been unable to work it out with the property owner who is also claiming ownership of some property which belongs to the town. Peter stated that the property owner just happened to come into the town offices while he was there today. Peter and Lisa spoke with him and showed him the town's deed which might have clarified things. The town does have a deeded right-of-way through that piece of property which would have to be considered by anyone building on it. Mark stated he spoke with the Zoning Administrator who advised that he did not get into the middle of boundary disputes. The Board advised that it would not get involved. The Board thanked Mark and wished him luck in settling the matter and he exited the meeting.

KIM GATES MAYNARD:

Kim appeared before the Board and advised that she just had a couple of questions/comments. She stated she was curious about what roads would be paved this year. Peter informed her of the present plans and Kim questioned whether we should put town money into the Stanley Road when we might be able to get State funds (80% State/20% town) to pay the major portion of it. Peter advised that State funds are awarded in cycles and we were not approved this year. He informed that when one town opted out of the program, we were given funds out of cycle which placed us ahead of other towns and we must now wait until other towns catch up before we will again receive funds. It might be two years or more before we can again obtain State funds and it is felt that if we wait that long water will get in the damaged areas and the road will become so bad we will lose our investment. Kim stated that she feels that the Gallup Road is in worse shape. Peter responded that we are aware of the problems on the Gallup Road and plan to work on some drainage problems there. Peter noted we do not have enough money to pave everything because the cost of paving has gone up. Kim stated she has had reason to travel over the Gallup and Hanna Roads and they both are in need of attention. Harvey questioned why the paving cannot be split up and do the worst portions of the Stanley Road and Hanna Roads. Peter

outlined what each of the paving companies has quoted per ton together with their recommendation for repair of the Stanley Road problems. Harvey stated that we need to have one of our men right out there with the pavers to ensure they are doing the job they quote. Peter and other Board members agreed. Harvey stated he agrees with Kim - why use our money. It was noted that work needs to be done on the Stanley Road, Morses Line, Riley, and Hanna Roads. Kim stated that there is green rock that is supposed to be good and Peter responded that we used some last year on Rice Hill to see how it would hold up and we were very pleased with it as it didn't even get a pot hole. It was noted that the Dewing Road is now very good after it was graded a second time. Kim questioned why we don't pave more towards spring and Peter said that would be nice, but we need to pave more towards fall/tax time because we no longer have the right-of-way funds to fall back on. The Board thanked Kim and she exited the meeting.

POLLY GADBOIS:

Mrs. Gadbois presented the Board with a bill from Enosburg for services they provided in June for a period of six days. She explained that she is presently on a personal/medical leave so there will probably be 16 to 20 days where Enosburg will provide coverage in July. She noted that we have provided coverage to them when needed so are working together. Scott questioned when Enosburg will require us to pay them for full-time coverage and Polly responded they will not do it at this time since we are also providing coverage to them when needed. She informed the Board that because David Rood's real estate job has picked up he is now only going to work on Tuesdays and his weekend rotation. She stated we have the new certified first responders coming on board and should be o.k. for the summer.

She informed the Board that she received a telephone call from Ann Laurie regarding replacement of her tree that died when TH#3 was being built. Polly stated that the agreement was that the town would pay \$250 to replace the tree. Jay Spaulding went to his supplier and marked the trees that she could select from and she was supposed to go down and pick one out. The town was under the impression that the "ball was in her court" and that the matter had been settled.

Polly informed the Board that she just came over the Swamp Road and between Demers and the motor cross track, there is a grey birch hanging down into the travel portion of the road.

Polly noted that Sara has not yet been re-certified. The information David had on what she needed to do was not accurate. She has to take a 24 hour refresher course and re-test which she will do on the 29th. It was noted that the State does not make it easy and Polly stated she has talked to legislators in the past about this matter. She feels that each county should have an area instead of us having to travel to Burlington or further.

The Board thanked Polly and she exited the meeting.

ROAD COMMISSIONER HEARING:

Peter stated we received an e-mail from Harvey resigning as Road Commissioner. The Board talked about some things at the last meeting, but took no action as Harvey was not present.

The bill from WEI was \$2,940. Harvey asked if the Board thinks that is unfair. He complained that the minutes of the last meeting stated he had authorized "several thousand dollars". Scott noted that amount does not include materials and labor we supplied. Harvey was told that it was a lot of money to spend without talking to the Board. Harvey stated that Peter agreed to doing the work and Peter responded we agreed that the road needed to be fixed, but the Board had not approved the work/expenditure of money yet. Harvey questioned who gets the road work done. Board members explained that we make a list of work to be done, prioritize it and then set the budget. Harvey stated that Peter has been making all the calls, counterming everything that Harvey has told the men to do. Peter responded that is not true. Harvey stated that he asked the men to provide him with meter readings, but they did not do it. Harvey stated he went to the garage and the front tires on the International truck were bald. He stated that the truck should not have been driven and this is an unsafe practice. The MAC needs to be lined up. He stated Howard is the road foreman and he needs to address these problems. Peter stated he did not see the truck as he does not go to the garage often. Harvey stated that's not true, Peter was there just the other day. Peter responded that if he is in town, he will occasionally go there, but does not go regularly. Howard stated that the truck was checked in a State AOT truck check and he was not cited. Harvey said that Howard should be given a written warning. He further stated there are no maintenance schedules on "anything that is up there". Harvey stated that in the last minutes, the Board discussed issues with wear and tear on the new truck. He explained that he did some checking and found that those trucks act like that. Peter questioned if what the guys are complaining about is normal then and Harvey stated he would have to watch them dump to be sure, but from what he found out it might be. Harvey stated the Board expects him to be responsible and he has come up with "a whole bunch of ideas" and they don't listen. He stated that when they were putting down chloride recently, they backed out onto the State highway and chloride ran out onto the highway which is against the law. Harvey stated if we are going to pay these guys, then they should be doing what they are paid to do. Harvey complained that Ron put a hole in the steel on the salt shed and he feels that Ron needs to repair it himself, the town should not pay for it. It was noted that Ron did purchase the replacement piece of steel himself. Harvey feels that he should be written up also.

It was noted that you do a verbal warning first and then you do a written warning if the verbal warning doesn't correct it. Harvey stated they need clear guidelines and asked if there is a job description. He stated he asked for it and has not seen it. He questioned, "How did we run the town before this?"

Lynne asked if we have a personnel policy and Peter responded that we do.

Harvey stated that they are going to do the welding on the truck body when they don't even have the proper equipment to do so. The welder they have is a fabricating welder. Harvey explained what needs to be done and stated they are not equipped to do the job. It was noted that

if they are unable to do it, then someone will be hired to do the work. Peter stated that he did write to Roger Wright to inform him that we would not be buying back the old box as we felt it would be less expensive to repair the one on the truck now. Roger was asked to pick up his box and Harvey asked if he had done so. Harvey stated that there is an hour meter on the trucks and he has asked for a reading when it goes out and when it returns. He stated he was only at the garage for ten minutes and noted all these things, but he is going to see a lot more than he ever wanted to see if he spent more time there. He stated we are paying these guys good; "They are doing alright. We shouldn't have to babysit these guys at all".

Discussion was held on buying a new truck and Peter stated that the Board decided last meeting to hold off. Harvey stated he agrees with that decision and we can let the voters decide. Peter responded that we lease the trucks and it is has always been the decision of the Selectboard when to replace them. The Board needs to ensure that we are properly equipped to keep the roads open. It is the law.

Harvey questioned the Board's paving policy and stated he has been making suggestions as he is in the business of paving roads. Peter stated there is a reason not to pave the Hanna Road. It was just paved three years ago.

Harvey stated that another thing is that he asked the guys to put some hay down on the work that was done over on the Barnum Road and it has not been done. Harvey stated that they don't like what they hear from him so they call Peter. Peter responded that is not true. Harvey feels he needs some backing. Harvey stated that he will not ask them to do anything that he would not do himself.

The Board agreed that the guys should be dealing with the maintenance issues. Harvey stated they are CDL holders and they are not exempt from the law. Harvey stated there is no way those trucks went through State AOT checks and passed. There shouldn't be bald tires. Harvey stated if he does not have the support of the Board, he does not want to be here wasting his time.

Scott stated that technically the road commissioner is not the boss. He is a liaison between the Board and the men. The Board decides what they want done and the time frame and the road commissioner reports back to the Board if it is not done. Howard is the boss and he is supposed to see that the work the Board assigns is done. If we have issues on maintenance, then we should bring them up. Scott told Harvey to calm down; that he is taking this matter personally and it is not personal. It is about the Selectboard making decisions as a whole. Scott stated that he has worked with people in his job for a long time as Harvey has and you need to approach them correctly. He asked Harvey if he has trouble with people on his job and Harvey replied he does not. They are told what to do and if they do it no problem; if they do not then they go down the road.

Harvey complained that the guys have not called him in a couple of months and it was noted they did not after he quit. He stated that he was not notified about the tractor; he learned about it

through the grapevine. Members of the Board responded that Harvey works out of town and cannot expect that they call him. Peter noted they were working and the tractor just stopped. They had no way to get it back to the garage so contacted Peter and he went and towed it back to the garage. The tractor was just sitting in the middle of the road and could not be left there. Peter loaned them his tractor so that Kyle could get work done. Harvey questioned Peter about insurance on his tractor.

Scott was asked if he is interested in doing road commissioner and he responded that he is not looking for the job, but would be willing to do it.

Peter stated that the Board discussed overweight trucks on certain roads with the intent of contacting owners to ask them to avoid certain roads as has been done in the past. Harvey took it upon himself to contact DOT and ask them to ticket the trucks which resulted in a milk trucking company being fined nearly \$7,000. Harvey stated that happened before he spoke to them and Peter responded that it did not. It happened the day after Harvey made the call. That is not what the Board agreed to and would rather have handled the trucks diplomatically first.

Scott stated that Harvey can still bring his concerns to the Board and they will discuss them. He stated that the boys don't respect Harvey. Harvey stated he is a consultant to the City of Burlington on paving the streets. Harvey stated the problem is that they don't want to do it the way it should be done. They want to do it the way it has been done for the last 25 to 30 years. Scott responded that they are good guys and they have done whatever the Board asked if you try to work with them. Harvey stated again that he wanted meter readings once a week, consistently. Peter stated that Ron was working on the road program we purchased and there were some problems and then the fire where we lost the computer up there and it fell by the wayside in the aftermath of the fire. Peter stated that once the program is in place, the information we want will be available. It was noted that they log stuff in the log, but Harvey stated that he is not satisfied with those entries. Board members agreed they are not always satisfied either.

Harvey stated once again that he is not satisfied with the support he received from the Board. He stated that he was spending more time up there when his work scheduled allowed him to do so.

Jamie asked if the boys were willing to work with Harvey and was told they will not work with him. Motion by Jamie/Scott that the Board vote to elect a new road commissioner. Peter asked if there was any other discussion and there was none. Jamie, Lynn, Scott and Peter voted in favor of the motion. Harvey abstained.

Scott told Harvey that he hoped there would be no hard feelings. He stated that he would do his best to do a good job and the Board could pull him off if he does not. Harvey stated that he could not take responsibility for what the Board was doing and Scott responded that Harvey was 20% of the Board with an equal vote and opinion. In every job, you win some and you lose some. Scott suggested that Harvey work with him - Scott can deal with the personnel end and

Harvey has expertise in other areas and Harvey responded that you get your knowledge by paying a price and he would no longer be sharing his. Scott responded that we are only trying to do what is best for the town.

Motion made by Jamie/Lynn that Scott be appointed road commissioner. Peter asked for any further discussion and there was none. Jamie, Lynn and Peter voted in favor. Harvey and Scott abstained. Motion passed.

BILLS AND ORDERS:

Reviewed and signed. Lynn provided Board members with updated budget information some areas of which the Board reviewed.

MINUTES OF JUNE MEETING:

Motion by Lynn/Scott to accept the minutes. Peter asked for any discussion and there was none. Lynn, Scott, Jamie and Peter voted to approve. Harvey abstained. Minutes approved as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dog Census: The Board authorized a dog census to be completed for a flat payment of \$750 with no mileage paid. A check will be made to see if Mr. Lamson is willing to do it.

NEW BUSINESS:

Scott Road Turn Around: Peter asked members if anyone had a problem with anything in the agreement. The town has agreed to give them four curb cuts and one cut for underground utilities under the road. The second utility he will put on his own land, either underground or above ground. We cannot approve his subdivision as we have nothing to do with it. He must comply with town and State subdivision regulations. Presently, he has applied for one subdivision. Peter noted that he plans to build himself a new house on one of the lots and may give lots to his sons. If we approve this agreement, a clean deed will be given from their lawyer to our lawyer. Harvey questioned where the money is going to come from to put in all these curbs and stuff. He was told there is no money involved for the land and the curb cuts are basically driveway permits which we usually approve anyway. We will not be putting in curbs. Rarely, we may have to put a stipulation on a driveway permit for safety reasons, but other than that they are generally pretty routinely approved. Discussion was held on the area and the fact this is a "win/win" for both parties. Motion by Scott/Jamie to give four driveway permits and one underground utility in a sleeved conduit in exchange for .6 of an acre. Scott will sign for the Board. Peter asked for further discussion and there was none. Scott, Lynn, Jamie and Peter voted in favor. Harvey abstained. Peter will contact Mr. Martin to tell him what was approved by the Board and ask that the deed be sent to our attorney.

SELECTBOARD FOLDER:

Correspondence: Regarding efforts to get together as many towns as possible to purchase road salt with a guaranteed price as was discussed earlier in the meeting. Peter stated we have some salt on hand, but there is room for three or four more loads. We used 246 tons last year and would have to agree to purchase a set amount. Lynn noted that the word is it might be difficult to get salt this year. It was felt that we should join in this effort in order to get the best price. Motion by Jamie/Scott that we sign on. Lynn, Scott, Jamie and Peter voted in favor. Harvey abstained.

Correspondence: Letter from Ann Laurie regarding tree (as discussed previously). The town had been under the impression that this matter was settled. Town agreed to pay \$250 for the tree and she is now requesting \$500. Board authorized Peter to write letter advising that she was supposed to have gone down and picked out a tree.

Dog Complaint: Dog on Main Street going on neighbors land. Jamie will handle.

Correspondence: From State on ancient roads. When the initial correspondence came in a check was done and only one road was found from the chalet to the State Park. Town now has the option of discontinuing the roads.

Correspondence: Cameron appeal of the ZBA decision has been denied by the Environmental Court.

Correspondence: From State of Vermont regarding application from a camp owner to replace a concrete wall with a stone sea wall.

Letter of Appreciation: From Corrina Stanley regarding lowering of the speed limit to 35 MPH.

Correspondence: Regarding ZBA meeting scheduled for July 24, 2008. Resident looking for boundary line variance in order to build a garage.

Correspondence: Regarding the bridge project which was done with the money we received as a result of an environmental fine levied on a resident.

Correspondence: Regarding seminars on municipal planning grants.

Correspondence: From Vermont Telecommunications Authority regarding broadband in this area.

Paving Bids: Three bids reviewed. Lowest bid was from Pike at \$73 a ton. It is for ½ inch shim with one inch on top of that. Peter stated that it is for 1.4 miles. From the State Highway to

the four corners of the Stanley Road it is .8 mile. From the Colton Road to the Berkshire Line it is .3 mile and we have 1.4 to do. We have to take out the middle in spots and fix it. We will rent a cutter and cut a trench, put in pipe, etc., and tamp it down. Lynn questioned whether we should fix just the spots on both the Hanna and Stanley Roads. It was noted that they would charge us to move the equipment if we did that. Cause of the problem was discussed. Peter noted that we will pave towards fall so that we don't have to borrow much money. Harvey questioned whether the price of paving will go up by then and Peter noted that the bid form states that the price is good through the 2008 paving season. Peter asked if the Board wants to sign to accept Pike's bid on the Stanley Road project. Motion by Scott/Jamie to approve. Lynn, Jamie, Scott and Peter voted to approve. Harvey abstained.

Municipal Parking Lot: Scott is working on a park and ride grant. Paving bid has to be redone as Howard got bid to do the entire garage area, not just the parking lot. Lynn gave Scott some tips on completing the grant application and stated they check the work closely to ensure it is done in compliance with the grant application.

Discussion was held on cold patch and hot patch. Harvey suggested that the highway guys use hot patch instead as it does a better job.

Sand/Gravel Bill: Last meeting a discrepancy in the sand/gravel bill was discussed. Peter stated it came from loads of sand for which we were not billed. Harvey questioned if they get tickets for each load and they do, but they just never billed us for some loads of sand. Scott stated that Lisa had been paying the bill in full each month so she questioned the amount billed last month. When it was checked it was found they had just not billed us for some loads. Harvey also questioned where the credit is for the stones we traded with them. Harvey stated he would like to see that credit and Peter will check into it.

Hanna Road: Discussion was held on the fact that the end of the Hanna Road near the Highgate line needs to be torn up and fixed. Peter stated it was a problem at the time it was paved and he tried to tell them that it needed to be fixed before it was paved. After discussion, it was decided to tear it up and repair it and then leave it covered with dirt until next year.

MEMBER CONCERNS:

Scott stated that he wasn't looking for the road commissioner job and if anybody has ideas or suggestions to let him know. Harvey stated if he makes suggestions and nobody is going to follow through with it he is not going to waste his time. Scott stated that hopefully we have addressed that.

Swamp Road: Peter advised that Matt Williams called up the boys and said he had a load of stones and if they wanted them, they would need to come and get them. They went and got them and we will use them in the repair of the ditch on the Swamp Road. Peter stated we don't know how far the load of stones will go, but it was free. Discussion was held on what needs to be

done. We will need to rent an excavator and Harvey suggested we use some of the top soil stored up at the garage. Upon questioning from Peter, Harvey stated that Dennis had no problem with us going in there to repair as long as he had no crops in the field. Peter noted that we are going to try to do it with what we have except for the purchase of some fabric and renting the excavator.

Town Garage: Peter advised that he would like the boys to do some clean up around the town garage when time permits. He explained that he feels that we should move some stuff out behind the garage/salt shed (chloride tanks) and put up a 6 by 6 pressure treated fence on the Carriage House side. He stated he would like to put some soil on the old cement pad and put in some grass. Harvey stated he told the guys he didn't want anything put up against those new buildings and he went up the other day and found something against the building. He also complained that Ron has put his camper trailer up there. He stated he has some stuff at his house he would like to store and could he bring it up there too. Peter responded (tongue in cheek) that everything has to go behind the buildings. Scott stated he thought Ron moved it up there as they were having a yard sale and he needed to get it out of the way for that. Scott stated he knows someone who is willing to take some of the guardrails and he will also take some of them. Scott will talk to the guys about it. Peter reiterated that the clean up around the garage will be a "fill in project" only. Harvey questioned the wisdom of putting up the fence because of maintenance and Peter stated that it will be pressure treated so will require little maintenance.

Truck Tires: Harvey stated that by running the truck tires bald they cost us money as they are worth \$75 to be recapped. He questioned the price Howard says he can get tires for and said he talked with people who have stated if they could get them for that price, they would buy a whole truckload. Lynn and Peter explained to him that we can get tires at a reduced cost because we purchase them through the State contract. Woods is the vendor in this area and that is why we always get a good price for tires.

Tractor: Discussion was held on the tractor and what the Board feels we should do. Peter explained what happened to it and both he and Harvey feel it might be some gears gone in the transmission. Peter noted that Bruce Maitland repaired it a few years ago and he thought the transmission was not good then. Peter noted that he does not need his tractor right now so the town can continue to use it until he needs it for some work. Discussion was also held on the possibility of renting a tractor until we decide what action to take. Scott, Harvey and Peter will all make contact with vendors they know to see if there is anything for sale out there. They decided on looking for a 50 to 60 HP tractor with a price range between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jamie/Lynn. All members voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

July 17, 2008

Barbara M. Varin

NOTE: These minutes are not official until approved by the Selectboard at their next regular meeting which is presently scheduled for August 11, 2008. Note: These minutes were approved by the Selectboard at their August 11, 2008 meeting.