

**MINUTES OF FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD
MONDAY, JULY 21, 2008, AT 9:00 P.M.
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
EMERGENCY MEETING**

PRESENT: Peter Kittell, Jamie Boudreau, Scott Choiniere, Lynn Paradis, and Lisa Larivee, Franklin Town Clerk/Treasurer

Peter called the meeting to order at 9:00 p.m.

TRACTOR: Scott has priced a 65 hp 5610 or 5600 Ford Tractor at Champlain Valley Equipment. Has a sun canopy, one owner for \$15,500 - \$15,900. It is in Middlebury if we are interested they will bring it to St. Albans

Jamie saw a John Deere at Harvest Equipment but did not know the price. Peter priced a 1971-1975 Fiatte tractor 60 hp for \$8,500.

The board will continue to look for a used tractor or options of buying and making payments. There are funds available in the Equipment Fund. Ron has stated that a tractor with a bucket is more stable when doing road side mowing. Peter stated he did not know how many years longer the weed harvester would continue to operate as it is getting old.

Scott suggested that the town put insurance on Peter's tractor while the town is using it. The insurance agent says there needs to be a rental/lease agreement in order to put equipment we are using on our policy. The board made the motion to have the Road Commissioner sign a lease agreement for \$1.00 to Peter Kittell for the use of his tractor with a value of \$8,000. All in favor of motion.

GRAVEL: The gravel budget is over by \$569.00. There is a 500 yd credit for approx \$2375 with Leaches for a trade of stone for gravel. Hanna Rd has a spot that needs to be repaired about 100 yds long and Stanley Rd also needs some gravel before being paved. Howard will need to keep track of loads so we know how our budget is. Suggestion to reduce the paving funds.

SAND/SALT: Have a budget spent of \$10,344 leaving a balance of \$8655 for the season. Will need to keep close track of. Need approx 3000 yds for the winter road maintenance. Highway crew has asked about renting a bull dozer to push up the sand pile when they start to draw. Will look at the budget closely at August meeting and see where budget funds may be shifted from for these two items.

OVERWEIGHTS: Peter McDermott has called Lynn about their court date on Aug 1 for the fine received for traveling on Stanley/Swamp Rds this spring. He has asked the board to write a letter about working with the town in the past and needing access to Stanley Rd for dairy pick-ups. Lynn will draft a letter and send around to the members.

MEMBER CONCERS: Scott has gone and spoken with Howard and Ron as the new Road Commissioner. Scott told the boys if they have any questions or concerns please be open to communicate with him and they will work together. The board has agreed that next spring they need to view the roads early and put together a list of road work while they are visible to the work necessary.

Motion to adjourn at 10:05 by Jamie. All in favor

Submitted by
Lisa Larivee

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