

**MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD
WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2008 AT 7:00P.M.
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

PRESENT: Peter Kittell, Lynn Paradis, Jamie Boudreau, Harvey Bushey, Scott Choiniere, Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk/Treasurer, Howard Vansette

Peter called meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

TOWN CLERK CONCERNS:

Mapping project: Cartographic Technology has been sent the subdivisions since Bruce Maitland finished the original project. The Board would like to update all the parcels even the smaller than 10 acres maps. The quote given was not to exceed \$2300 to make the 22 current updates needed. Discussion on increasing the fees for subdivisions to be sure to cover the future costs to update all maps. Currently the price is \$85.00 per subdivision, Scott/Lynn made the motion to increase the subdivision application cost to \$135. All members in favor, motion passed.

Dog Census: Discussion on cost and feasibility to do a census. Lisa will put together a list of properties which do not currently have dogs licensed and advise the board of the number. The board will set a rate of pay and hire someone to do the job.

BILLS AND ORDERS:

Bills were approved and signed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Over Weights: Discussion on the overweight permits and restrictions. McDermott's milk transport has been fined for traveling the Stanley and Towle Neighborhood Roads. He is looking for Selectboard support in fighting the fine. He has to do the milk pick-up daily. The board would like to set a new policy that would require that all over weight vehicles that travel over town roads get over weight permits. **Policy reads:** All over weight vehicles over 24,000 GVW must have an over weight permit issued by the Town of Franklin no exclusions. Motion made by Scott/Jamie. All members in favor, motion passed.

Roads: Scott questioned who authorized the excavation work on Barnum Rd. He was not aware of the work that was being done. He understood the policy was for the entire board to be advised and the Road Commissioner was to sign off on expenses in excess of \$500. Harvey stated he had spoken to Peter and authorized the work as there was a soft spot that needed to be fixed before completing the grading on this road. Wright's had an excavator and extra truck on the job to complete in a timely manner. Discussion on each member putting together a list of roads that need work, Boy will put together a list as well with quantity estimates and associated costs. At the next board meeting there will be a road maintenance plan put together so the highway crew know what is expected of them and the time frame in which projects need to be completed. Boy advises that many roads, Middle, Gallup, Beaver Meadow, Pidgeon Hill and Durkee, need gravel to do a good job grading and for the build up of the roads. Dandurand Rd needs culverts replaced and ditching. Harvey will talk to Marshall Ploof about getting water from the hydrant for water the roads when grading to help control dust. Discussion on paving and what roads are to be done. The cost of paving is going up with the price of fuel, the board would like to do the work soon to avoid excess cost increases. As we did not get any 2 for 1 money from the state this year Harvey advised that we need to look at maintaining the current roads rather than paving more roads. Recommendations are repair to Hanna Rd, Swamp Rd, and/or Gallup Rd.

Question raised about the Dandurand business which is going on. Was there a permit issued for the scales which were installed? Do they need to apply for a “change of use” from Ag to Commercial, as he is now a feed supplier not a dairy farmer? Zoning administrator will be advised.

New Truck: Boy asked what the discussion was on the purchase of a new truck. He states that his truck needs brakes and front tires soon. The board has authorized for the repairs to be done as it will be a while before a new truck will be here. The board is still looking at the options and price comparisons on the new trucks. We are holding off on buying the dump body back from Roger Wright at this time.

Scott Road: Need to look at the hours needed for equipment rental and gravel to complete turn around. Have 100 ft to work with for possible circle. A resident has asked for more gravel to be put down in their driveway which is currently the turn around for the bus as it is soft and rutted.

Erosion to the ditching on Denis Demar’s property needs to be repaired. The ditch needs to be lined with stone and hayed to prevent further erosion. Harvey will speak with Denis for permission to do the work.

Tractor: Repairs are being done which will cost around \$800 to \$1000 when complete.

Motion made by Scott/Lynn to adjourn. All members in favor/motion passed. Adjourned at 10:10pm

Respectfully, Lisa A Larivee

May 22, 2008

These minutes are not official until approved at the next meeting – June 9, 2008