

**MINUTES OF FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD
MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2010 AT 7:00 P. M.
FRANKLIN CENTRAL SCHOOL LIBRARY**

PRESENT: Scott Choiniere, Peter Kittell, Harvey Bushey, Lynn Paradis and Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk

GUESTS: Bill Ellis, Attorney, Jessica (Assistant), Amanda Lafferty, Attorney, Robert Irish, Doug Clark, Heidi Britch-Valenta, Alyson Racine, Linda Hartman, Bryant Reynolds, Jennifer Ploof, Melissa McKinstry, Polly Gadbois, Jennifer Wright, Michelle Guilmette

Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Scott reviewed the selectboard report to be put in the town report with members of the board for input.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Scott/Harvey made the motion to enter into executive session at 7:03 pm. Discussion of Park & Ride court case with Attorneys. Review of McLaughlin appeal on the Adam's subdivision and Riley dog issue.

Scott/Lynn made the motion to exit executive session at 7:43 pm.

HASTON LIBRARY:

The trustees of the Haston Library entered the meeting to present and discuss the 2010 budget requested of \$27,777. Voiced concerns over the budget cuts made last year twice by the board. The increase is due to salaries and books. Scott advised the trustees the selectboard will discuss and he will advise them tomorrow of their decision. Alyson advises if the board does not approve the entire budget the trustees intent to petition for an individual article for the entire library budget. Board members thanked the Trustees and they exited the meeting.

WATERSHED:

Heidi Britch-Valenta enters the meeting to update the selectboard on the project the Watershed is working on with Mike & Joan Lotion. They are working on a buffer strip in Middle Rd to keep the cattle out of the stream/ditch to prevent erosion. Heidi asked if the town would be able to assist with ditching and the trucking of stone. Scott advised the town has other projects that need to be completed this summer before committing to additional work. Heidi gave the Town Clerk her report for the Town report and also gave members an invite to the Watershed brunch on Jan 30 for 2010 project planning. Board members thanked Heidi for all her work and she exited the meeting.

ZONING BYLAW CHANGES:

Robert Irish and Doug Clark enter the meeting. Scott read aloud the additions for the Year round use of conditional use in the bylaws.

Section 330 C) Shoreland/Recreation District:

1) Conditional Uses:

- A) Fire and Rescue must have year round access with an adequate and safe turn-around location.
- B) Property must have off road parking of 2 cars.
- C) A state approved septic system for year round use.

Mr. Clark also advises that a policy should be written that there will not be Fire/Rescue services if there is not a proper approach/entrance on the private road. Mr. Irish supports the additions as written. Suggests that we may want legal advise on the emergency services policy to cover the town from liability for inaccess. Board also discusses a policy on road maintenance of private roads for camps. Scott asks for a motion to approve the year round use additions to the bylaws as listed above. Peter/Harvey made the motion to approve, all members in favor.

Scott reads aloud the bylaw changes/updates as written with the Planning Commission. Mr. Irish explains that with the changes in time and the community that the district land use control section needs to have flexibility for Zoning Board review when necessary.

1. Section 320 **District Land Use Control**

C) 3) Uses not listed as Permitted or Conditional in any district may be considered by the Zoning Board of Adjustment as a Conditional Use, if the proposed use is of the same general character as those Permitted or Conditional in the district in which the use is proposed. This section shall not be construed to allow a use to be considered in a district, when it is clear that the use is Permitted or Conditional in a different district..

2. Section 330 **District Objectives, Allowable Uses, & Dimensional Requirements**
C) **Rural Residential/Agriculture District:**

1) *Permitted Uses: Also Seasonal Dwellings.*

3. Section 417 **Mobile Home Parks and Mobile Homes**

All mobile homes erected in the Town of Franklin must be placed on a cement pad being at least 4 inches thick.

Mr. Clark feels that pads should not be required, but encouraged, when many people are putting in starter homes for a short time and they will then be removed. It is an extra cost to the home owner that is not necessary. The board discussed their concerns on the change. Peter/Lynn made the motion to approve number 1 and 2 of the above changes. All members voted in favor as written for adoption. Peter/Scott made the motion to deny the changes for number 3 of above and leave as printed in the bylaws. All members voted in favor.

Mr. Clark spoke to the board about the resignation of William Mayo from the Planning Commission. He would like the board to consider speaking with Mr. Mayo about returning to the Planning Comm. board. He understands Peter being on the board with no voting ability but Mr. Mayo was an asset to the board. The selectboard thanked Mr. Clark and he exited the meeting.

Mr. Irish invited the selectboard to the MVU school board budget input meeting which will be held on January 14 @ 7:00 in the Franklin school library. The increase on the draft budget is 1.9% which may be reduced pending Union negotiations. The board thanked Mr. Irish for his participation.

AUDITORS:

Polly, Michelle, Jennifer, auditors entered the meeting. They are here to review issues they have found in an effort to cost cutting.

- Library payroll must be paid in line with the library personal policy. Selectboard should review the policy written by the library trustees with attention to the employee descriptions.
- Trustees need to verify and sign off on the time sheets for correctness.
- Professional development time should be paid by the library not town salary.
- A payroll policy needs to be written for the time reporting of 15 minute blocks.
- The full operational budget should be noted in the library budget to include electric, heat, insurance, workers comp, water, and septic at 60% of costs.
- Petty cash must be controlled by the treasurer on a monthly basis. Interlibrary loan postage must be accounted as postage not petty cash.
- E-mail and internet costs need to be reviewed to share with the town for cost cutting.
- Comp time reporting for all employees when necessary.
- Mail opening of personally address items not to be opened, forward to individual.
- Review generator contract for maintenance.
- Town report mailing – to cut costs we would like to post the warning in the newspaper and around town, reports to be picked up.

TOWN CLERK'S CONCERNS:

Sidewalk: Lisa updated the board on the sidewalk progress. The contract will be signed by Friday the 15th. Progress is moving forward.

Budget: Final budget meeting will be on January 21 @ 7:00 at the school library.

Website: The site will be updated by Jennifer to consolidate minutes. The board also would like to see a folder of "Things to do in Franklin" for the weblinks of businesses and there resources. Jen can monitor and if she has questions forward them to the selectboard.

Scott signed the documents for the H.P. Fairfield lawsuit from the town garage fire.

Overweight postings: The state requires a list of road postings for overweight different then the state limit of 24,000 lbs. Peter will come into the clerk's office to review.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the December 14 and 30, 2009 meeting were presented. Peter/Lynn made the motion to accept the minutes. All members voted in favor, minutes approved.

BILLS:

Board signed bill and orders. The highway crew was short paid for the new years holiday. Lisa will adjust the paysheets for next week per the board.

OLD BUSINESS:

Scott informed the board of the request from Barb and Vern Varin to use their sleigh on the town land behind the garage to give the residents of the Homestead rides. The board agreed that was ok.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bids for the mowing of the hay land on the town property behind the garage were opened. Steve and Judy Danyow bid \$501. Lynn/Harvey made the motion to accept this bid. The Town Clerk will write a letter to Mr. & Mrs. Danyow.

Main Street needs to be cleared of the snow which is hindering the parking on both sides of the street making in dangerous.

Scott has asked if Square Rd can be made a one-way street during the Fireman's pancake breakfast. This would make it much easier for traffic flow.

SELECTBOARD FOLDER:

McLaughlin appeal notice

Overweight permits – Peter signed

MEMBER CONCERNS:

The board discussed the resignation of Jamie Boudreau from the Selectboard and dog catcher. They will not reappoint at this time but wait until town meeting.

The board agreed to include the entire \$27,777 for the library budget into the town budget.

Peter/Lynn made the motion to adjourn at 10:45. All members voted in favor/meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A Larivee, Town Clerk

NOTE: Minutes not official until approved at the next regular scheduled board meeting on February 8, 2010. These minutes were approved on February 8, 2010.