

**MINUTES OF FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD
MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2009 AT 7:00 P. M.
FRANKLIN CENTRAL SCHOOL LIBRARY**

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

GUESTS: Heidi Britch-Valenta, David Lucey

Scott called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

GUEST CONCERNS:

Mrs. Valenta is here on behalf of the Watershed to update the board. Heidi has drafted a grant with Better Back Roads for the repair and completion of the eroding ditching on Swamp Rd. The Selectboard gives authorization for Heidi – Watershed to file the grant on their behalf. Heidi advises that an agreement will need to be signed by Dennis Demar for entry onto his property and possible encroachment on his property outside the town right of way. Peter and Heidi will visit Mr. Demar for permission. The project will be submitted with completion dates between July and November 2010. Project is to slope out the banks and stone line the bottom. Board discussion on the state permit needed for working on the Dewing Shore project for 2010. Lisa will check on the inclusion dates of the permit acquired in 2008.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

David Lucey joins to speak with the board about a nomination to the P.C. The board had appointed Ed Rainville and he has not been to meetings or accepted the offer. Mr. Lucey would like to suggest Jennifer Charbonneau for membership to the P.C. Mr. Lucey has spoken with Ms. Charbonneau and she would like to be involved. The board nominates Ms. Charbonneau for fill the seat on Mr. Rainville. Scott/Lynn made the motion to accept nomination. All members voted in favor. Lisa will send a letter of appointment. Selectboard advised Mr. Lucey that they are working on some pertinent Zoning Bylaw changes to be effective soon and would like to rewrite with the Planning Commission through out the winter.

TOWN CLERK'S CONCERNS:

Sidewalk update: The ROW plans are approved by VTrans and complete. Stantec is working on bid packs for the project. The bid docs will also be posted by the state on their construction website. Lisa will continue to work on getting everything in place for spring completion.

Dogs: Lyle Glidden has given a second complaint on a black lab pooping in his back yard. He would like to Selectboard to enforce the leash law. The Selectboard has asked Lisa to get a tag number to identify the correct dog so they may send a letter to the owner.

Weed Harvesting: Letter received from the State regarding the approval of the additional area of harvesting on Patton Shores. The state recommends amending the aquatic permit to include native weeds as well as eurasion milfoil for 2010.

JUNK ORDINANCE ADOPTION:

The junk and junk vehicle ordinance is presented by the board for review and re-adoption. The board had no discussion. Scott/Lynn made the motion to adopt the ordinance. 3 Ayes 1 No, motion passed on voice vote.

MINUTES:

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

BILLS:

Board signed bill and orders.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Scott/Lynn made the motion to enter executive session at 7:45 p.m. Discussed Park & Ride and Homestead Drive issues. Motion by Scott/Harvey to exit executive session at 7:53 p.m. All members in favor of exiting executive session.

OLD BUSINESS:

Zoning Bylaw Updates: Scott reviewed the proposed changes to the zoning bylaws with the board which are as follows:

* Section 320 c) 3)-change to “Allow ZBA to review any uses or structures which are not listed as permitted or conditional to determine if allowed for the best use and function of the Franklin residents and community.

* Section 330 Rural Residential/Agriculture District - add "Seasonal Recreational" as a permitted use. This would make deer camps allowable

* Section 417-1 Mobile Homes: All mobile homes erected must be placed on a non-porous pad of at least 4 inches thick.

Scott/Peter made the motion to accept the changes to the Zoning Bylaws as above and discussed. All members voted in favor of changes.

Personal Policy:

Board discussed holiday pay during the summer schedule of 4/10 hr days. The board agreed that when there is a holiday within a week of summer hours that the highway crew will work 5/8 hr days for that week and take off the holiday and get 8 hours holiday pay. Lisa will draft a policy amendment for signature at next months meeting. The board also discussed the flexibility of overtime in the winter months. They would like to see the guys be flexible with work hours when weather permits rather than having overtime.

NEW BUSINESS: None

MEMBER CONCERNS:

Peter got a call from Dan Favreau of the snowmobile club asking if they could use the roadside mower to mow the rail trail from the Abbey to Swanton. The board discussed and voted not to allow the use of the roadside mower by residents.

Harvey spoke about the Community Service work that the MVU students were doing. He urges that if they are sweeping the street on Hanna Rd just outside of town that there needs to be safety equipment used. The truck should be out with lights on, signs and cones need to be placed, and safety vests need to be worn by the students.

Harvey asked about the highway crew using the computer program for reports. The board would like to see reports presented at the meetings.

AUDITORS CONCERNS:

Michelle Guilmette entered the meeting on behalf of the auditors. The auditors have some concerns which they addressed with the board.

- Time off pay for vacation-must work 40 hours.
- Holiday pay reviewed.
- Asked about Librarian working from home.
- Assistant Librarian – cost of seminars and mileage shared with Montgomery.
- Would like to combine library reports in town report to reflect actual income/expenses.
- Inquired about errors on time posted to time sheets and being signed by trustees.
- Library personal policy – should be following the town policy.
- Paid holidays should not be given for part time employees.

SELECTBOARD FOLDER:

Small claims court documents on the Reighley dog claim. Pending
Vacation for Ron reviewed and signed by Peter.

Renaudette's have requested grading on the Messier Rd class 4 portion of the road. The board discussed and stated the policy is the town does not maintain or do work on class 4 highways. The board may have to review the policy in the future. Request denied. Letter will be done to the Renaudette's stating the policy.

Letter from Judith McLaughlin about the inconsistencies with the Planning Commission. She is concerned with some of the decisions of the Craig Adams subdivision plans.

Peter/Lynn made the motion to adjourn. All members voted in favor/meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa A Larivee, Town Clerk

NOTE: Minutes not official until approved at the next regular scheduled board meeting. **These minutes were approved on November 9, 2009.**