

**MINUTES OF FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 4, 2009 AT 7:00 P. M.  
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

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

**GUESTS:** Burt & Kim Maynard, Franklin Telephone  
Robert Irish, Franklin Homestead Board Rep.  
Bob Mayes, Franklin Homestead Board Rep.

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

Scott advised that Polly Gadbois is the chair of the Land Planning Committee and has scheduled a meeting for May 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss and work on a plan for use.

**PARK & RIDE LOT:**

Scott presents the updated plans to members and guests present of the park & ride lot. The board has added a grass barrier and maple trees for drainage and esthetics. The trees will not be here until October. The state minimum number of parking spaces required is 13 we have planned for approx. 26 spaces. Size is 80 ft by 185 ft. Boy has marked out the lot with paint for viewing. Burt questions if there are any restrictions on the lot. Will there be guard rails for boundaries? That is why the green grass space is being added as a boarder. Scott advised there is currently no plan to date for the remaining 25 acres.

Bob Mayes speaks of the need for more Homestead/Carriage House parking for employees and residents. The Board of Directors would like a guarantee for the use of the park & ride lot as needed. The Homestead would like to propose buying for fair costs this lot of land for its own use. Peter advises that would need to be a town vote not the decision of the Select board. Burt says he sees it as a plus as long as there are not restrictions. Robert Irish states the Homestead would like to have input on the location of the handicap space location. Consideration needs to be given as to where the trees are positioned for easy access for the large trucks that make deliveries to the facility. Robert advised the Homestead would like a letter from the Select board on their decision regarding the proposal to buy the lot and the unrestricted use of the lot by the employees, residents, and other facility use needing parking.

Kim advises of the drainage issues by the Telephone office. The water drains from the old garage location onto their property. Kim would like to see a sight map to scale with the buildings and park & ride lot for the location and dimensions. Burt is concerned with the view of the Carriage House with the maple trees. Suggests planting crab apple trees instead.

Burt will assist with the work to be done on Homestead Drive with locating the underground cables and drainage. Water lines will also need to be found. Burt will work with the Highway crew in digging and use of the backhoe. Kim suggests that the road has time to settle before being repaved. There will be approx \$9,000 for Homestead Drive paving. The park & ride lot will be approx \$30,000 and \$2,000 for stripping and signs.

The Selectboard discussed the lighting for the park & ride lot. Harvey has poles he is willing to donate for the street lights. The Homestead would like to see a light on the edge up by the Carriage House and is willing to pay half of the cost to install. Suggestion also made that a street light should be located at the entrance/exit of the lot. This electrical work needs to be determined before paving is done.

Scott thanked the guests for their input and they exited the meeting.

**JUNKYARD ORDINANCE:**

Scott has received a copy of a junkyard ordinance from the VLCT. The board would like to work on this ordinance for adoption. Junk should be out of set backs and out of view.

**TRACTOR AGREEMENT:**

Board discussed the agreement written by the school board. Maintenance would be split 20% town and 80% school. Mower cost approx \$3500 to be split in half with the school. Diesel will be supplied by the town and logged, school will reimburse all of their fuel cost. Peter/Lynn made a motion to approve and authorize Scott to sign the agreement, all in favor.

**NWRP MEETING:**

Scott would like the board support for the county meeting on Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> for the joint purchasing of Highway products.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

- The board agreed to get a “thank you” card for Marshall Ploof and a \$75 gift certificate for all the volunteer work he does for the town.
- Discussion on grading of the roads.
- Lawn mowing: the guys need to have safety glasses and ear plugs
- Physical cards must be on file in the office for the Highway crew.
- Vehicle pre-trip inspections must be done every day before leaving the garage.
- Truck idle time must be reduced. The new truck can be set to shut off after 10 minutes of idle to conserve fuel costs.
- Gravel slips from Leach’s pit need to be done with every load
- Fuel usage logs should be done with every fill up.
- Computer reports on the Road work done and supplies/products used for the Selectboard meetings.

Motion from Peter/Scott to adjourn. All members in favor/meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
May 5, 2009 Lisa Larivee

**NOTE: These minutes are not official until approved by the membership at their next regular meeting. These minutes approved at the May 11, 2009 meeting of the Selectboard.**