

**MINUTES OF FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD  
MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2009 AT 7:00 P. M.  
FRANKLIN CENTRAL SCHOOL LIBRARY**

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

**GUESTS:** Howard Vansette, Road Foreman

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

**HIGHWAY DEPT:**

**Mowing:** Howard is going to be mowing the road sides again next week.

**Blacktopping:** Board discussed paving a portion of Gallup Rd. Hanna Rd sections from Highgate town line to Beaver Meadow Rd. Repair of Riley Rd on hill by Richard property. Morses Line needs some patch work that Howard will look at. Peter and Howard will get bids from several area pavers. Peter advises there is \$90,000 in the budget for paving.

**Gravel and stone:** Peter discussed the application of blue stone and gravel on the Middle Rd and Rice Hill Rd. Howard advised he is almost done with those projects.

Scott commented on the good job done on Square Rd with tree trimming. Scott asked about spraying of guard rails with Round-up. Howard will look into. Howard advised that Swanton Village cleaned our village catch basin drains. Howard and Ron are attending an emissions workshop on Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> at Clark's Truck Center.

The Board thanked Howard and he exited the meeting

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

The board discussed the open positions on the Planning Commission board. The board would like to appoint Ed Rainville and Gerard Tremblay. Peter made the motion to appoint Ed and Gerard, all members in favor. The board asked Lisa to send letters of appointment to the 2 gentleman.

**TOWN CLERK'S CONCERNS:**

**Sidewalk update:** Lisa advised the board the attorney has to do a final wrap up letter to VTrans ROW now that the easements are complete. The bid packs need a 3 week posting after the final approval of VTrans. The board discussed the paving of Square Rd and may wait until next spring 2010 to allow the disturbed area to pack for resurfacing.

**Tax Rate:** Lisa presented the board with the 2009 tax rates. Residential \$1.6544, Non-resident \$2.0928. The board discussed the rates and budgets. Peter/Lynn made the motion to accept the tax rates as set. All members in favor of motion and signed the tax rate sheet.

**Tax anticipation note:** Lisa presented the board with a tax anticipation note in the amount of \$57,760 needed to conduct business until the tax payments come in. Board discussion about available funds in the past, the treasurer was able to borrow from the ROW or Equipment funds, which no longer exist. Peter/Lynn made to motion to accept the note and resolution. All members signed the documents.

**Dog issue:** Board members agreed to do a small claims court filing against Phil Reighley for the damages of the Finch sheep. The cost is \$75.00. The board would like to see the fees collected from the dog licenses set aside in a liability acct for such purposes. Lisa will look into doing so.

**Garage fire:** An attorney for the town's insurance company is presenting a case on our behalf to recoup costs, against H.P. Fairfield who has been found at fault for the faulty equipment on the town truck. Scott signed court documents, as the board chair, which has been written by the attorney.

**Town Hall policy:** The town hall policy has been reviewed and updated to allow outside catering of activities. Copies should be obtained by all parties who use the town hall. Peter/Jamie made a motion to accept the policy. All board members are in favor. Scott signed the policy as accepted.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of the July 13 meeting were presented. Peter/Jamie made the motion to accept minutes. All members voted in favor, minutes approved.

**Bills:** Board signed bills and orders.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Scott/Lynn made the motion to enter executive session at 8:10. Discussed Park and Ride and Homestead Drive issues. Motion by Lynn/Scott to exit executive session at 8:25. All members in favor of exiting executive session.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:** Unlicensed dogs discussed. Brian Glidden appears to have outstanding dog(s) to be registered. Jamie will speak with the Sheriff's Dept and Burt about picking up the dog(s). All members voted in favor of action.

Lisa advised that the clock painting has been completed but work needs to be done to the mechanics of the clock. Lisa will check with other towns on who does their clock repairs. Peter will speak with Marshall as well.

**SELECTBOARD FOLDER:**

**E-mail addresses:** Lisa gave the board members an e-mail account for each of them set up under the town site for town use.

**Weed harvester:** Susan Brittin did a site visit with Kyle in July to expand the harvesting location at the south end of the lake. Lisa did a letter to Ms. Brittin requesting the expansion. We have not heard back on the approval.

**Watershed:** Letter from Heidi Britch-Valenta on the updates of work done by the committee.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:**

Robert Irish entered the meeting to discuss zoning bylaw updates which need to be looked at by the board. Under Act 117 some immediate changes can be made to the bylaws by the selectboard without planning commission notice for a period of 2 years until the entire bylaws are update and adopted. Changes need to be noticed at a Selectboard meeting and have a 30 day period to become effective. Mr. Irish presented a list of updates/changes to the board for review and discussion. The board members were all reminded of the Planning Commission meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 to start working with the P.C. on changes.

Board members advised Mr. Irish of two camper trailers which may have residents living in them at the Gagne and Glidden properties. Mr. Irish will look into this. Violation letters have been sent by the ZA to camps on the lake. Mr. Irish advised that zoning fines can be charged to recoup the costs of legal actions. The board's goal is to resolve camp seasonal/residential issue by spring and updating zoning bylaws.

The board thanked Robert for his input and he exited the meeting.

**SELECTBOARD FOLDER CONT.:**

**Speed limit:** The LCCA has requested that the speed limit on the Dewing Shore Rd be reduced from 35 mph as posted. There is a sign with children/pedestrians at 15 mph posted. Peter will check on them.

**Salt contract:** Cargill has requested a signed contract for our winter salt. Price quoted at \$62.45/ton for approx 200 tons. Peter/Lynn made the motion to accept the contract. All members voted in favor.

**MEMBER CONCERNS:** None

Motion by Scott/Lynn to adjourn. All members voted in favor/meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
August 13, 2009 Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk

**NOTE: These minutes are not official until approved by the Selectboard at their next regular meeting. These minutes were approved on September 14, 2009 by the selectboard.**