

**MINUTES OF FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2009 AT 7:00 P. M.
FRANKLIN CENTRAL SCHOOL LIBRARY**

PRESENT: Scott Choiniere, Jamie Boudreau, Peter Kittell, Lynn Paradis, Harvey Bushey and Sara Rainville, Assistant Town Clerk.

GUESTS: Helen Dever

Scott called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m.

GUEST CONCERNS:

Ms. Dever is the vice president of the Lake Carmi Campers Association. She would like the town to submit a letter of modification to the current harvesting permit for additional harvesting areas. The current permit was done in 2005 and is good for ten years, until 2015. Susan Brittin, from the State of Vermont, has been to Lake Carmi this summer and has taken samples of some weeds. Some of the weeds were native and some were not, such as the Eurasian mill foil. She also viewed Patton East & West Shores and the Blackwood's at her visit. Those areas are not currently being harvested and the Eurasian mill foil is starting to become a problem.

Ms. Dever gave the board a letter from Ms. Brittin as well as a map of the areas currently being harvested for Eurasian mill foil on the lake for their viewing.

Scott advised that he will work on drafting a letter to the State to request that these additional areas also be harvested.

The board thanked Ms. Dever and she exited the meeting.

TOWN CLERK'S CONCERNS:

Town hall: Lisa received a phone call from Gina Quintin, a town resident; she would like to use the Town Hall for a Halloween birthday party on October 31, 2009. The board agreed that she could use, she also needs to sign the Town Hall agreement of the Town Clerk's office when she picks up the key.

Kim Maynard would like to continue using the Town Hall throughout the fall until they can get in to use the school. The board approved the continuing use for Yoga by Franklin residents. Sara will notify Kim of the board's decision.

Dogs: Jamie stated that he had visited Brian Glidden's house over the weekend in regards to registering his dogs. The person that answered the door stated they put their dog down about 2 weeks ago. She stated that there are no other dogs that live there. He will check to see if any dogs are living in the travel trailer in the back yard. The board asked that Lisa contact Bob Norris to let him know of the above.

Jamie signed the dog warrant that the board approved at their June 2009 meeting.

Nichelle Laughlin on Towle Neighborhood Road has yet to register her dogs with the town. Several phone calls have been made to her by the clerk's office and Jamie; the board would like Lisa to send her one last letter before they have Jamie pick the dogs up.

Town Clock: Lisa has contacted a group that did work for the Town of Richford; she is awaiting a call back from that group.

Car damage: Lisa has received a complaint from a young man about a rock that hit his car when he passed the Highway dept. during roadside mowing on August 17, 2009; He claimed it left a dent in the door and chipped the paint. She left him a message on August 19, 2009 and he has never returned her call.

Trash: Howard has found trash dumped on Stanley Road. He picked some up and also found one name on numerous pieces of mail. The board asked that Lisa contact this person to see if she has a trash hauler and who it is.

Weed Harvesting: Lisa has already drafted a letter for the board to Susan Brittin requesting the modification of the current harvesting permit. The board would like the Blackwood's shoreline to be included in that letter. Sara will make the changes and send to Ms. Brittin.

Dog Complaints: Jamie has received a phone call from Ms. Hakey regarding Patty Desroches dogs. They school does not want the dogs roaming the school grounds any longer during school hours. Lisa also has received 2 written complaints on the same dogs. The board would like Sara to send a letter to Ms. Desroches advising her of these complaints and to also include a copy of the dog and leash ordinances that the town has adopted.

Scott welcomed Greg Bouchard to the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Mr. Bouchard wanted to commend the Highway dept. on the shoulder drainage work that was done on Pidgeon Hill Road. He stated that some more work like that could also be done on

Morses Line Road by Lucien Laroche's, the Bouchard Farm and the Chicken Farm. He commented that paving Morses Line would help with the drainage.

Peter noted that Morses Line is a Class II road and they would try next year for 2 for 1 grant money for paving.

Harvey recommended getting an excavator to clean off some of the shoulders where there is pavement to help with drainage; using the blade on the grader may also be an idea to cut the shoulders down.

The board thanked Mr. Bouchard and he exited the meeting.

TOWN CLERK'S CONCERNS continued:

Court: Sara advised that the paper work has been sent to small claims court against Phil Reighley and that the clerk's office has heard nothing back yet.

Sidewalk updated: Sara informed the board that the ROW final plans are with VTrans for approval. Greg Goyette has put together bid packets and is awaiting final ROW approval to send them out. Harvey stated that people are anxious to get bid packets for this project, would like to see them out sooner than later. The board would like to see this project done this year.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the August 10, 2009 minutes were presented. Peter/Jamie made the motion to accept the minutes. All members voted in favor, minutes approved.

BILLS: Board signed bill and orders.

SELECTBOARD FOLDER:

Letter from Joyce Hakey about Patty Desroches dogs.

Thank you note from the Franklin Watershed.

Zoning bylaws: Board would like Sara to speak to the Planning Commission regarding the zoning bylaw updates and were they are at with them. The board would like an status update after the September 15, 2009 P.C. meeting.

Ancients Roads: None could be identified.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Scott/Jamie made the motion to enter executive session at 7:35 p.m. Discussed Park & Ride and Homestead Drive issues. Motion by Lynn/Jamie to exit executive session at 7:45 p.m. All members in favor of exiting executive session.

OLD BUSINESS:

Park & Ride: Harvey would like to see the cement light pad straightened out that is leaning. Peter commented that Highway Dept was working on that already. Lynn is still working on getting all the parts for the street lights.

Scott noted that the State had been up to inspect the Park & Ride. They were very pleased with it and wanted to put pictures of it on the web. Sara informed the board that Lisa had been in contact with the State and the balance of the grant money would mailed to the town this month.

Zoning Bylaw Updates: Scott went to the Planning Commissions meeting in August and gave them a list of suggested bylaw changes. He would like to see both boards get together to finalize these changes. Peter suggested that the two boards review and approve one section at a time.

The proposed changes are:

Section 320 c) 3)-change to allow ZBA to review

Section 330 Rural residential- add seasonal recreational as a permitted use

Add a requirement for all mobile homes to have a slab.

Speed limit: The LCCA has requested that the speed limit on Lake Road from Gallup Road to Dewing Shore Rd be reduced from the posted 50 mph to 35 mph. The board agreed to leave the speed limit as is.

Truck: Peter is expecting the new truck to be here any day now.

NEW BUSINESS: None

MEMBER CONCERNS:

Harvey/Scott questioned when the crack sealing was going to be done on the roads. Peter replied that Howard was waiting for a call back from Demag's Crack Sealing. Browns Corner has many that need to be filled. Harvey stated that the cracks should really be cleaned out then heat sealed.

Scott would like to see the section of gravel between the Park & Ride and the Town garage seeded as originally planned. Peter will talk to the Highway dept about doing that. Peter would like to put a section of fence up by the back of the garage and the ditch. Scott will look in to getting some chain link donated.

Scott would like to see a top coat of black rock put on the Barnum Road. Peter will speak to the Highway dept about doing that. Peter will also speak to them about putting more gravel on the Middle Road.

Harvey stated that there is a large area on Hanna Road by Labrie's that needs to be patched.

Peter advised that there are also some slips on Riley Road, Swamp Road and Morses Line Road that need to be repaired. Harvey would like to grind the slips out on Riley Road then repave that area. He will speak to his employer about the cost of renting that machine for a day.

Peter stated that the Highway Dept had started working on the Gallup Road culvert today; it is a very large culvert and a cement header is being used.

Scott questioned whether or not any more chloride would be applied this year. Peter replied that was being wrapped up.

Scott commented that we should start hauling sand soon; Peter advised that as soon as the new truck comes in they will start.

Peter informed the board that Heidi Valenta is looking into a grant to finish the Swamp Road ditching project. She was unsure when and if the money would come through. He stated that she was also working on a grant for some more shore work along the road. Peter noted that the rocks would not be as big this time and that they have to be very careful not to damage any of the existing trees. The work can only be done until December 15, 2009. Scott had requested that the grant include labor from an outside source so as not to tie up the Highway dept's time.

Harvey would like to see the sand removed from the intersection of Hanna Road, Brown's Corner Road and Webster Road. The weeds are also starting to grow up between the curbing and the pavement. They should be removed then use weed killer in the gaps.

Harvey reminded everyone that the drainage pipes need to be cleaned out on the Gallup Road; Peter will speak to the Highway dept.

Sara advised the board the Gerard Trombley accepted the vacant Planning Commission seat but had not heard from Ed Rainville.

Jamie/Harvey made the motion to adjourn. All members voted in favor/meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

August 15, 2009 Sara Rainville, Assistant Town Clerk

NOTE: Approved at the October 12, 2009 Selectboard meeting