

**MINUTES OF FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD
MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2008, AT 7:00 P.M.
FRANKLIN CENTRAL SCHOOL**

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

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Kim Gates Maynard, Greg Goyette & Bob Walker from Stantec.

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

SIDEWALK:

Greg Goyette and Bob Walker from Stantec introduced themselves to the board. They are with Stantec the engineering firm who has been hired to do the work on the sidewalks. Their goal is to get specs to the town so we may get contractor bids for the project in the spring, June 2009. Greg gave a brief layout of the sidewalks, starting on Rte 120 will run on the north side of Square Rd to School St, will cross at edge of school fence to the Church and around the corner and continue on the east side of Square Rd to the Hanna Rd. Property owners notification will take place around November 2008. Greg does not believe there are any issues with archeological finds or wet lands. Will need to confirm with the town that Square Rd is a 3 rod right of way. The church property will have a reconstruction of their ramp to the building for proper access and a curb cut for the cellar entrance. Trees in front of the cemetery will need to be removed as they are in the R.O.W. Storm drains of 18-24" will be done against the curbs. No storm water permits are needed. All plans and construction hope to be completed by Fall 2009. The town will need to hire an overseer of the project/construction. Greg suggested speaking to VTrans, Jon Kaplan about a contact for this purpose. Necessary permits such as survey plans, natural resources, project documents, Federal documents will be prepared by Greg at Stantec. Temporary easements may be needed if work will be done outside the R.O.W. of the town. Greg advises that no public meeting is needed unless there are outside easements needed. Greg would like one point of contact whom to contact with information. Peter would like Lisa Larivee to be the contact for all information. The Board reviewed the letter Lisa typed to hand out to all property owners on Square Rd. Kim Maynard has volunteered to walk around the block and hand deliver a letter and project map to all owners. Greg and Bob from Stantec were thanked for their work and exited the meeting.

TOWN CLERK'S CONCERNS:

Elk's Club: Lisa received a letter from the Elk's Club in St. Albans asking the board to authorize the transfer of their liquor license to the State Park on August 24, 2008 for a family day. The Elk's Club location will be closed for this day which State liquor control says is approved for the transfer of the license. Letter done for approval, Peter to sign on behalf of the board.

Cargill contract: Cargill has sent a bid offer for salt purchases for the 08-09 season. The bid is \$58 ton for 300 tons. Lynn stated that is about the same price that Swanton Village was given. We have 2 loads in stock, Peter advised there are about 22 tons a load. 1 more load would fill the salt shed. Lynn made the motion to accept the bid, Scott seconded, all members approved. Peter signed on behalf of the board.

Tax Rate: Lisa presented the 2008 tax rate to the board members. The residential rate is \$1.5725 and the non-resident is \$2.0107. The board reviewed and all members approved and signed the tax rate.

H.H.W. Day: Lisa has asked to hire Ernie Lamson for the household hazardous waste day on September 6. The board approved hiring Mr. Lamson.

Office Closed: Lisa advised that the office will be closed on Friday the 15th in observance of Bennington Battle Day.

WATERSHED COMMITTEE:

David Breed entered the meeting on behalf of the Watershed Committee. David gave an update on the grant work and water quality work being done around the lake. Watershed got a grant 2 years ago from Natural Resources for \$2,000-\$5,000. Water samples are being done daily to monitor the phosphorous levels that are too high. The state has determined that the Lake Carmi water is impaired. Last year the Watershed wrote a TMDL draft plan for phosphorous reduction for work to be done around the lake. In April 2008 received a section 319 grant of Federal funds for \$49,000 and matching \$75,000 to administer the TMDL plan. The Watershed Comm. is hiring a coordinator for 20 hours a wk for \$24,000 to administer the grant. September 14 there is a public hearing at the Felco Room about the TMDL plan and review. The Dept of Environmental Conservation will be present. The EPA has approved the draft following the Clean Water Act. Watershed Comm. hopes

to get more grant funds for the next phase of the lake water cleanup, septic, shore land management, stream upkeep, farmer participation for phosphorous cleanup. The State of VT tech was here on July 30 and observed the Swamp Rd ditch. He suggested work that could be done to stop the erosion. The board advised they had applied for a Better Back Rds grant and were denied. There may be \$3000 available for a Town Rd erosion inventory to be done in the future. Peter thanked David and he exited the meeting.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

The Road Commissioner gave an update of what was going on with the Highway Dept.

Half of the guard rails have been picked up, the rest should be gone this weekend.

The parking and ride grant has been submitted. It is proposed for 26 parking spots.

Stanley Rd work has begun on the worst spots to be repaired before paving is done.

Swamp Rd ditch was re-dug some of it stoned. The rest will be mulched this week.

Dandurand Rd ditching and work has been completed

Hanna Rd has been posted for "Road Closed" as they will repair the bad section at the Highgate border area.

Scott is working with the Highway crew to put together a 5 year plan, the last 3 years and the next 2 years.

Scott is working on implementing a policy for Purchase Orders for the Highway Dept.

Morses Line Rd will be repaired of the pot holes with cold patch when the highway crew has a chance.

Scott is looking at purchasing "Overweight notice" signs to be posted on all major routes in town. They will advise that all overweight vehicles must have permits for travel the town roads. Looking at permit/maintenance costs to specific specs of vehicles to assist with road maintenance costs.

There is a tree on the Browns Corner Rd which needs to be cut, hanging in the road.

Harvey suggests that the men must do a pre-trip form every time any truck or equipment leaves the garage. It is a legal requirement for these forms to accompany the equipment.

Can purchase the forms at Bousquets.

Harvey wants Leaches pit to give a slip for every load that we draw to better keep track of our gravel, stone and sand. The men should mark which road it is going to or the stock pile as well.

The board asked Lisa if Robert, the Zoning Administrator, has spoken with Eric Dandurand about a change of use to Commercial yet for his business on Dandurand Rd. Lisa is not sure but will check with Robert.

Scott got a quote from Roger Wright for winter sand of \$4.50 c/y or \$10.50 c/y delivered to our stock pile. Harvey suggested getting a quote from Marcel Begnoch in Highgate.

The town received a letter from Pike Industries. They are being forced due to economic crunches to do new pricing on the contracts that are out. We have not yet been notified of the new price. We do not have a set date to do our paving from Pike yet.

Peter asked the board what their thoughts were about the rim which was dinged/bent when one of the trucks had a blow out. Can the rim be checked to make sure it is still good to use? Suggestion that perhaps George S. Wood could check it.

Harvey asked about the Leach's credit for the trade of stone for gravel. The credit was applied to the July bill. Harvey stated we should be following the road standards for all road work that we are doing. Harvey questioned the base on the Stanley Rd. Peter stated it have a base of 16" of gravel, new culverts, some fabric which was done about 5 years ago before paving was done.

Peter has received a letter from the VT State Police regarding a dinner on Sept 2. Some discussion will be a police academy. No members interested in going to the dinner.

Jamie stated he has tried to get in touch with Jason McConnell about the painting of the steeple. We could rent a lift for about \$2000 for a week. Lynn suggested giving Claude Dezatelle a call, she thinks he has a crane/lift and may get him to paint the town clock. Lisa will call Mr. Dezatelle.

Scott has spoken with Jason at Fine Line about the rental of a tractor. Jason has agreed to rent the town a 65 horse tractor for 25 hours at \$1,000. For this price he would deliver to the town location and pick up our tractor. Fine Line would look at the cost to repair our tractor and advise us what was wrong with it. Board would like to do another pass of mowing road sides and finish with the weed harvester for the season. If we use the tractor over the 25 hours will be charged \$35/hour.

Could use some funds from the Weed Harvester line to pay part of the cost. Motion made by Lynn/Harvey to rent the tractor. All members in favor.

The board discussed getting a new engine to run the pump for the weed harvester trailer. The trailer could then be used self contained to unload the weeds. Would just need to use a truck to pull it and would not need a tractor.

MINUTES OF JUNE 14, 2008 MEETING:

Lynn has asked for a change on pg 11, cost of the tractor to read "price range between \$10,000 and \$15,000." Motion by Scott/Jamie to approve the minutes. Peter asked for discussion and/or other changes and there were none. All members voted in favor/minutes approved as submitted.

MINUTES OF JUNE 21, 2008 MEETING:

Motion by Scott/Jamie to approve the minutes. Peter asked for any discussion and/or changes and there were none. All members voted in favor/minutes approved as submitted.

BILLS AND ORDERS:

Reviewed and signed. Current budget information provided.

SCOTT ROAD TURN AROUND:

Lisa has gotten the final information from Robert Fletcher our attorney who was working on the Martin's deeds for the road extension. Mr. Fletcher has written an "Offer of Irrevocable Dedication" and a "Warranty Deed" to complete the paper work. The Irrevocable Dedication is for the Martin's to offer the road to the Town of Franklin. The Martin's have signed the offer as proposed to the town and the Warranty deed as written. Once the Irrevocable Dedication is recorded with a warranty deed copy in the land records the Selectboard may sign the Irrevocable Dedication document to accept the offer. At this time the Irrevocable Dedication accepted and signed by the Selectboard will be recorded with the Martin's signed Warranty Deed. The board discussed and reviewed the documents. Motion made by Lynn/Jamie to accept the Irrevocable Dedication and authorized Peter to sign on behalf of the board. All members vote in favor of the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business

SELECTBOARD FOLDER:

- * Request from Howard Vansette for vacation in November
- * Letter from Dewing Shore campers about the stabilization project and what a good job done.
- * Grant applications for Recreation and Historical preservation projects.
- * Copy of the grant for the Park and Ride which has been sent.
- * ATV organization volunteering to do work on the inventory of class 4 roads and trails so they may have a trail system available to ride for recreation.
- * Town Fair – no members interested in attending
- * Copy of approval of Paul Durkee's ZBA variance

MEMBER CONCERNS:

Harvey asked Scott about the Hanna Rd repairs. What is the cost going to be? Do we have the budget funds to do the work. Scott stated he was not sure yet until the work was under way. Harvey inquired about the ledge on Riley Rd and if it was going to be removed. Scott advised that there is no more money in the equipment rental line to do so this year.

Lisa inquired about the painting of the Town Clerk's and Library doors and outside stairs. Lynn suggested calling Wanda Gates as the boy scouts may need some community service work. Lisa will call Mrs. Gates.

Motion by Jamie/Scott to adjourn. All members voted in favor/meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,
August 14, 2008
Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk

NOTE: These minutes are not official until approved by the Selectboard at their next regular meeting which is presently scheduled for September 8, 2008.