

**MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD
MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2010
FRANKLIN TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

Members Present: Peter Kittell, Peter Magnant, Scott Choiniere, Harvey Bushey, Lisa Larivee (Town Clerk/Treasurer)

Guests: Heidi Britch-Valenta, Peter Benevento, David Breed, Kimberly Gates Maynard, Justin Rainville, Kyle Lothian, Larry Myott, Ruth Ann Krayesky,

Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said

Watershed/LCCA:

Scott welcomed Heidi Valenta and others to the meeting. Heidi gave an update on future programs. Also reviewed the list of projects that have been accomplished this year and advised their website is up and running.

Heidi stated the group had come to further discuss the beach proposal with the town. Lisa advised she had spoken with VLCT about the insurance. They advised the cost would be very little, maybe \$10 per year extra, this is based on the expenses budgeted for the project area. Premise coverage already exists under our current policy. VLCT recommends putting up proper signage to protect the town's liability and having a maintenance/care agreement for the property. They will assist with these two issues. LCCA/Watershed is willing to do a joint agreement for the care and upkeep of the property as well.

Mr. Benevento states a survey was done in July with Aquatic Control Co about the use of herbicides to control the milphoil. They are awaiting results and moving forward with a comprehensive survey on what treatment is required.

The board thanked the group and advised they would discuss the issues further.

The board discussed the gift of the north end beach from the Meunier's and would like to consider it soon so that work could take place early in the spring if approved. Board asked to have a special public meeting warned before the September 13th meeting at 6:30 for town involvement of the gift of the beach. They would like to invite Wayne Laroche as well.

Fire Department:

Justin Rainville and Kyle Lothian entered the meeting. The fire dept was inquiring about the repair work of the fire station driveway as requested at last year's budget meeting. The board would like to see Homestead Drive resurfaced as well and would do the station driveway all at once so the project is on hold until the park & ride issue is resolved.

The fire alarm was set off last week at the town clerk's office and it only sounds within the building. The dept requests that maybe the alarm should be connected to an outside service for the building. Lisa will get quotes from Life Safety and others for this inquiry.

Fire dept has been questioned about their budget for the BBQ. Advised they price quoted out all the items this year and some purchasing changes were made. The board thanked Justin & Kyle and they exited.

Town Clerk's Concerns:

- Sidewalk update: Review of the final inspection which took place on Monday. There are two catch basins which need to be shimmed for the winter until the top coat of paving is applied in the spring by the town. Discussed the road work which needs to be done at that time. The intersection of Hanna/Square needs to have a detectable warning plate across the entire section. This will be done on a change order of the contract. The shimming of the curb and

driveway cuts will be completed on Wednesday this week. The water district needs to repair the asphalt where work was done across from the church with hot patch. Peter will check on it.

- Cooperative Agreement Amendment for the SRTS grant has been received from the state with a change in the allocation of the funds. The board must accept and sign the agreement. Pete M/Peter K made the motion to sign the amendment as received. All in favor, motion passed. All members sign.
- Tax Rate was presented by the Treasurer. Board discussed the rate and a motion was made by Peter K/Scott to accept the tax rate of \$1.7008 Residential and \$2.1288 Non-residential for 2010. No further discussion, all in favor, tax rate sign by all members.
- 911 Coordinator: Discussion on responsibilities and compensation. Peter K/Pete M made the motion to pay a stipend of \$200 to the coordinator per year. Discussion, Pete M/Scott amended the motion to pay \$100 annually to be in line with other rates. Motion on the amendment passed. All in favor of an annual stipend of \$100 for the 911 coordinator. Scott will be in touch with Jen Wright, the coordinator, for discussion.
- Reappraisal Contract: The listers have presented a reappraisal contract with Stearns Allen for assisting with the date collection. Peter K/Harvey made the motion to accept the contract with changes made by the listers. Scott initialed the 3 changes made by Jean Richard. All in favor, contract signed by all.
- Webster Rd: A resident has installed a "children at play" sign on Webster Rd. This was not approved by the board.
- Town Hall: A few window pains have been found broken on the back of the building. Peter K inquired what the board would like to see done to repair/replace them. The board discussed and would like to just put new window pains in the existing windows.
- Bills: Board members reviewed and signed bills
- Minutes: Pete Magnant/Scott made the motion to accept minutes of July 12 with changes as discussed. No other discussion. All members in favor, approved. Pete Magnant/Scott made the motion to accept the minutes of July 21 joint selectboard meeting with Highgate selectboard. All members in favor, approved.

Park & Ride/Homestead Drive:

The board welcomed Kimberly Gates Maynard to the meeting. Kim handed out a resolution proposal by FTC to the town. Discussion on the points proposed. Kim requested a time frame to complete this proposal, would like to see this completed before the September meeting. The board thanked Kim and she exited the meeting.

Old Business:

- LCCA members entered the meeting about the junk and health issue at the Jette property. Progress not being done to clean up the junk. Neighbors feel there is a health issue with the pig farming operation and the manure that is piled by the lake outlet and in close proximity to water supplies. The board will contact Polly on the health issue with the State. Peter, Scott, Pete will do a site visit on the junk and health issues. The board will discuss further in Sept about moving forward with tickets.
- Junk ordinance issues: Kern is making progress with volunteers from the fire dept and a state organization. Vieta is still working at cleaning up, Scott will keep in touch with him.
- Class 4 Road policy: The board tabled this matter to next meeting for lack of time tonight.
- Vic's Crossing: Speed limit issue discussed. Harvey/Peter K made the motion to leave the speed limit at 50 mph and signs at current locations. All members voted in favor, motion passed.

New Business:

Tri-town recreation committee member gave a summary of progress to date. The board has recommended hiring an engineer to evaluate the current building for structural soundness. They will then move forward with options based on this assessment.

Selectboard Folder:

- A "historical preservation grant" application has been received. Lisa will inquire if the town clock is eligible for repair through this grant.
- Driveway Permits: Donald Marn on Skunks Misery Rd; Howard has approved. Peter K/Harvey made to motion to approve, all in favor, Scott signed the permit. Timothy West on Messier Rd; Howard has approved. Harvey/Peter K made the motion to approve, all in favor, Scott signed the permit.
- Letter from Franklin Homestead Board of Directors regarding the purchasing of the park & ride and land. At their July meeting the board made a motion to purchase the property from the town, the motion was denied.
- Letter received from Steve Dunton, a resident of the Homestead, regarding using the town garage for doing wood working. Scott/Peter K made the motion to approve with a small fee and agreement. 1-yes, 3-no, motion failed.
- United Way certificate of appreciation for tax assessment funding.
- Cargill: contract for winter salt at \$62.45/ton. Requesting for board approval and signature. Scott and Harvey will look into other vendors and pricing. Contract tabled until next meeting.
- Franklin County Industrial Development requesting letter of support for their services. Lisa will do a letter based on their sample form letter.
- Dog complaint received regarding the Ellis dog of Webster Rd. Lisa did a letter to the owners about the leash law. Copy on file.

Member Concerns:

- Scott thanked Lisa for the extra work and effort she has put into the sidewalk construction. The job is complete and looks good.
- September 25 at 10:00 am at the Elementary School is the date set for the Joint Assembly of the Franklin and Highgate selectboard regarding the Moses Line Border Crossing. Scott signed a building use form for the school. Discussion on the draft agenda. Fire Dept will aid in parking, Library will be asked if they wish to do refreshments as a fundraiser. Selectboard will be greeters and sign people in.

Executive Session:

Scott/Pete Magnant made the motion to enter into executive session at 10:15. All members voted in favor. Motion made by Peter K/Harvey to exit executive session at 10:47. All members voted in favor. Discussion had on the Park & Ride and Homestead Drive issues. No decisions made.

The next regular Selectboard meeting is September 13, 2010.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Pete Magnant/Harvey. All in favor, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk
August 13, 2010

These minutes are not official until approved at the Selectboard's next regular meeting on September 13, 2010. These minutes were approved on September 13, 2010.