

**MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD
MONDAY, MAY 9, 2011
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

Members Present: Peter Kittell, Peter Magnant, Yvon Dandurand, Kyle Lothian, Lisa Larivee (Town Clerk/Treasurer)

Guests Present: Brian Barnum, Jack Milne, Pike Industries, Paul Lawson, ST Paving, Luc Choquette, Green Mtn. Electric

Peter Magnant called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Dog issues:

Mr. Kern was sent a certified letter on May 4th as he had not been in to license his two dogs by the 3rd as he promised. The Town Clerk has not received the return receipt as of today. Lisa made a call to Mr. Kern on Friday and left a message regarding the letter and giving the pertaining information. He also did not attend this meeting as requested and discussed at the April meeting. Kyle/Yvon made a motion to pick up the two german shepards as we have not received a reply; animal control will hold the dogs for 7 days to be redeemed by Mr. Kern. If not done so they will then be destroyed in a humane way. 4-0 All members voted in favor, motion passed.

Denis, Animal Control, has in his possession a male chocolate lab named Milo that was picked up on Thursday, May 5th. He will hold for 7 days according to the ordinance before taking to the humane society or if we can find him a new home. The Town Clerk called the surrounding towns and the humane society to advise of Milos location if someone was looking for a lost dog.

Mr. King has had his chickens replaced that were destroyed by a town dog that was off its property.

Steven Domina dog issue has been checked into by Kyle and he has a shelter for the dog. The dog does not appear to currently be at that location. Denis, Animal Control, will be asked to inspect to be sure the shelter is adequate.

The list of unlicensed dogs and the warrant for their pick-up has been presented to the Selectboard by the Town Clerk. Lisa advised a reminder letter was sent out on May 2nd about licensing with applicable fees of \$115.00 if the dog needs to be picked up by animal control and taken to the Humane Society. The board has agreed to give until Friday, May 13th before giving the list to animal control, at which time he will visit residents listed, if license fees are paid at this time of the visit there will also be a fine of \$25.00 for animal control's duty. Peter Kittell/Kyle made the motion to approve the list and warrant with fines. 4-0 All members voted in favor, motion passed.

Paving Bids:

- Pike Industries: \$73.34 ton
- S T Paving: \$73.35 ton

Paving bids to resurface Square Rd and approx. 1 mile of Morses Line Rd from the Highgate line back toward town. Risers need to be installed by the highway crew on Square Rd basins. Shoulder/ditch work needs to be done on Morses Line Rd. The board discussed grinding and relaying vs. repaving and the longevity. Bid members thanked and exited. Brian Barnum discussed the prices with the board. He advised that the holes on Morses Line Rd should be filled with hot mix before resurfacing is done. He was thanked and he exited the meeting.

Street lighting:

Luc from Green Mtn. Electric entered the meeting. He presented to the board the new technology of street lighting available. They carry Beta brand lights that are made in the USA and are supported by Efficiency VT. The bulbs have a 50,000 to 75,000 hour life. Cost is \$600-800 each; Efficiency VT would pay approx. \$300 rebates. There may be ARRA grants available for up to \$50k for lighting. Luc will speak with Vermont Electric to get information on their programs to upgrade the bulbs and the savings. Luc will also evaluate the location of the lights we have to see if some can be eliminated to save money. He was thanked and he exited the meeting.

Town Clerk's Concerns:

- School Tractor agreement was reviewed by the board and decided that no changes were to be made. The snow blower may need to be discussed in the future regarding the excess repairs and the size necessary. Yvon will speak with Champlain Valley Equipment.
- FCC licensing must be changed to narrowband from wideband by January 2013. Lisa has spoken with Mike Lawyer from the fire department regarding the changes. Mike has forwarded the website address to make the changes to our licenses. The radios may also need to be reprogrammed; Mike will look at them for the Town.
- Docks on North End Beach: The board discussed what they were going to do about the two private docks that have been located at the north end of Lake Carmi for many years now that the property will be owned by the Town. The Town Clerk will do a letter to the dock owners regarding the change in ownership and that they must sign a release of liability with the Town. These two docks will be grandfathered permission to remain as they have been there in the past; however new docks will not be allowed to be erected. The deed is being prepared and we are awaiting the lease from the State on the boat launch area. Deed costs will be expected to be shared with LCCA and Watershed by approx. \$400.
- Weed Harvester Grant: Peter Kittell/Kyle made the motion for Peter Magnant to sign the approval of the weed harvester grant in the amount of \$4110 and advance half payment request. Kyle has inquired with the state group on available grants to replace the harvester. The Town needs to look into a newer larger boat as the present one is getting quite old and in need of replacing. It needs a whole new cutter head and wiring control panel. Job posting reviewed and discussed the importance of public relations with the lake users. Posting will be put around Town, on the web-site and in the Messenger if reasonable cost. Peter Kittell/Yvon made the motion for Kyle to do the repair prep work before the boat goes into the lake. Kyle will train a new operator. 3-0 in favor, Kyle abstained, motion passed.
- Bills: Board members reviewed and signed bills.
- Minutes: April 11, Kyle/Peter Kittell made the motion to accept minutes as corrected. 4-0 All in favor, approved.
April 25, Peter Kittell/Yvon made the motion to accept minutes as written. 4-0 All in favor, approved.
Scott has received a complaint from Barb Varin regarding the minutes not being on the web-site until after the next month's meeting after being approved. Tabled until next meeting to discuss further when Scott is present.

Old Business:

- Septic Feasibility Study: Peter Magnant advised of the meeting on May 4th for engineers regarding the RFP that was posted. It was decided by the committee that they will also do a water/well feasibility study at the same time as the septic. Bids are due by May 25th. There will be a meeting on May 18th with the village residents to discuss the work being done. Post card invitations were mailed to all village residents by the Town Clerk's Office.

- Tri-town committee: Peter Magnant advised of the meeting scheduled for May 11th. NWRP was not able to do the feasibility study of the arena. They are writing the RFP to hire an engineering firm to do the study and will assist with other administrative duties as necessary. There may be a cost to the towns of Highgate, Swanton, and Franklin to hire an engineer. This funding will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

Fuel Bids:

The board members opened the fuel bids received by May 6th and read aloud

- Blouin Bros: LSD capped at \$3.559 heating oil capped at \$3.459
- SB Collins: LSD capped at \$3.599 heating oil capped at \$3.499

Kyle/Peter Kittell made the motion to accept the bid from Blouin Bros with the capped price for LSD of \$3.559 and heating oil of \$3.459. 4-0 All members voted in favor, motion passed.

New Business:

- The ZBA, after a hearing on the Lorraine Wright/Jr. Bait Shop property, has requested the Town to erect signs "No Parking Here To Corner" on the Dewing Shore Rd to the east of the bait shop. Kyle/Peter Kittell made the motion to purchase and erect 4 signs "No Parking Between Signs" from the corner of Dewing Shore Rd to the east of the Bait Shop property. 4-0 All members voted in favor, motion passed.
- Paving bids discussed and reviewed; Yvon/Peter Kittell made the motion to accept Pike Industries bid for \$73.34/ton. The contract must be adjusted to remove the Town Hall/Church driveway, work for Square Rd and Morses Line Rd approx. 1 mile from Highgate town line for the budget amount of \$100,000. Work to be done end of June after school is out of session. 4-0 All members voted in favor, motion passed.

Selectboard Folder:

- Letter from Lafayette regarding guard rail work.
- VTrans enhancement grant program for transportation upgrades. Discussed and do not wish to apply at this time.
- Review of legal docs received regarding the prayer lawsuit.
- Septic system information.
- Stevens Driver training workshop information.

Member Concerns:

- Intersection of Webster, Hanna, and Browns Corner Roads has a lot of stones and gravel that has been washed into the road and needs to be cleaned as it is a hazard for traffic. Ditching or larger stones may need to be done to keep the gravel from traveling into the road. Peter will advise the highway crew to look at.
- Art Davis has inquired about the placement of Webster Rd of Rice Hill on the class 4 portion. The road appears to have been changed from the original route by the Le Duc property. Mr. Davis would like to do some road upgrades and wants to be sure of the road placement first. Peter Kittell will look into with Mr. Davis.
- Peter Kittell has advised in the past the highway crew has applied approx. \$1000/mile of the blue crushed stone to the dirt roads. He would like to increase this to \$1500/mile as this products works well to maintain the quality of the road. Pidgeon Hill needs ditching, Kennison Rd needs new culverts, Towle Neighborhood and Richard Rd need to have blue crushed stone applied.

- FEMA funds were discussed and decided we would not apply for the small amount of damages that we received.

Next regular Selectboard meeting is June 13, 2011.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Peter Kittell/Yvon. 4-0 All members voted in favor, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk
May 12, 2011

These minutes are not official until approved at the Selectboard's next regular meeting. These minutes were approved on June 13, 2011