

**MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD
TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2010
FRANKLIN TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

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

Guests: Andrew Godin, Eric Dandurand, Donald Rainville, Gregg Bouchard, Adrian Rainville, Yvon Dandurand, Alyce Columb, Bill Rowell, Kevin Nichols, Morses Line Group; Peter Benevento, Mr. & Mrs. Hendrickson, Helen Dever, Lee Abernathy, Dick Lang, Larry Myott, LCCA; Heidi Britch-Valenta, Watershed; Polly Gadbois, Health officer; Norm Kern

Scott called the meeting to order at 6:54 p.m.

Morses Line Port of Entry:

A group of community members were present with a petition which has been signed to keep the Morses Line port of entry open and requesting the legislative body's support. A letter has been drafted in support of keeping the port open and has been sent to the parties involved with making this decision by many community residents. The group would like to have Homeland Security revisit and downscale the project to fit everyone's needs. Residents feel closure will definitely have an economic impact, along with many other issues on communities on both sides of the border. Sen. Leahy's office has asked for a letter of support by the local legislative boards. A letter and of petition signatures has also been faxed to Peter Welch's office. After much discussion, Scott asked the selectboard if everyone was in support of keeping the port open. The board is unanimous in their support. Lisa will do a letter of support to be signed by the board and sent to the appropriate parties. The board thanked the group and they exited the meeting.

Watershed:

Scott welcomed Heidi Valenta to the meeting. Heidi gave an update on the work that has been and continues to be done; tree giveaway, shore land buffer workshop on Patton Shore erosion, septic outreach workshop which the board is invited to, with more info to come. Other lake community members have been invited on work they have done.

Peter Benevento with LCCA has been researching Milphoil control options that he would like the board's support with for the future control at Lake Carmi. He has met with Ann Boves from the VT Agency of Natural Resources regarding options. Ms. Boves suggested the LCCA speak with consultants; Aquatic Control Technology Inc recommends the use of a chemical called renovate. This is disbursed by air boat. There are permits which need to be acquired for the use of herbicides, as well as a survey and plan of the lake for treatment. LCCA is seeking support of the selectboard and financial aid. They are looking at applying for grants if available as well. Next spring would be the soonest any work could take place as the application is done in April/May with a 5 year plan. The cost is estimated to be in the six digits and would still require use of the harvester for now. The board advised the LCCA that this will need to go before the voters in March.

Scott thanked Mrs. Valenta and the LCCA for attending the meeting to update the board.

Speed Limit on Rte 120:

Mr. Ray Hendrickson asked the board to consider reducing the speed limit on Rte 120 between Mill Pond and Riley Rd to a 35 mph zone. It is especially dangerous when pulling out of Vic's Crossing Rd and many other camp roads along this section of road. With the summer residents present they feel the speed is much to fast at 50 mph. Mr. Hendrickson would like to see the board take action on this matter. The board thanked Mr. Hendrickson and advised it would be discussed further later in the meeting.

Junk Ordinance/Health Officer:

Scott welcomed Norm Kern. Scott explains the process of the ordinance. Mr. Kern explains his inability physically and financially to do any work for cleanup. He has a 1996 trailer which he uses for storage; he was advised that if it had wheels it did not need to a permit. The board advised they will check with the ZA and VLCT on the ruling. Mr. Kern advised he has many old collector cars also and other vehicles he uses for working in the woods. Scott advised the vehicles need to be moved from public view and requested a plan/schedule for clean up of the other items. Mr. Kern is meeting with a social service agency on Wednesday for assistance. Polly and Scott will do a site visit and have advised Mr. Kern he has until July 4th to make some corrective action.

Polly Gadbois requested what direction the board wanted her to take on the other junk ordinance issues she has been working on. Polly spoke with Betty Clark about the Jeff Clark property. Mr. Clark is no longer living there. Polly will be in touch with Jeff again about doing a sight visit.

Polly spoke with Mr. Jette on Dewing Rd. The board would like to see the mess on Dewing Rd in front of property taken care of by July 1. There are pigs in the garage with a manure pile close to the lake/brook; this may be a health issue. Scott/Lynn made the motion for Polly to issue a ticket by July 1 if obligation is not met for \$50 plus \$50 per day of violation. 1-yes 4 no, motion failed. Lynn/Pete M made a motion that if the front of property on Dewing Rd is not cleaned with adequate progress by July 1st a letter must be received from Mr. Jette as to why no action has been taken by July 1st. With Select board review and approval, Polly will then issue a ticket for \$50 and \$50 per day of violation. All members voted in favor. Peter K & Polly will do a site visit on Wednesday. Polly left the meeting. Polly phoned and stated she had stopped to speak with Mr. Jette; he stated no site visit was wanted and he would do his best to clean up Dewing Rd area. Polly advised the board must adhere to any action taken. Mr. Jette will call her to update on progress by July 1st.

- Russin's advised they would screen from view or move vehicles to the back property out of sight. Harvey will speak with Mrs. Russin. Carl Vieta was previously given a reminder letter on continuing progress. Scott will do a site visit and request completion by next meeting on July 12th.

Executive Session - Park & Ride:

The board welcomed Kim Gates Maynard and Hugh Gates to the meeting. Scott/Lynn made the motion to enter into executive session at 8:37. Three voted in favor, two-no. Entered into executive session. Scott/Lynn made to motion to exit executive session at 9:17, all members in favor. Discussion on the park & ride solutions and/or options. Scott/Pete M. made the motion to move the Park & Ride to the school parking lot as discussed in executive session. Aye – 0, No – 5, motion failed on voice vote.

Liquor Control Board:

Lynn/Peter K. made the motion to enter into liquor control meeting. All members voted in favor. The Abbey Restaurant has submitted a catering license permit for a wedding on July 3. Peter K/Harvey made the motion to approve the license. Four voted in favor, Scott abstained. Lisa authorized to sign. Closed liquor control board meeting.

Town Clerk's Concerns:

- Sidewalk update: The project manager has been asked by J.C. Antone for some input from the selectboard. The additional drainage requested by the town; no engineering is needed. The basin will be 2-21/2 ft deep with a sump pump and 12" piping, approved by board. Overwintering of the street before resurfacing is recommended and Harvey requested the basins be left at grade/level to patch pavement. The Hanna Rd curbing that is currently there on the corner; the contractor will match to and the town will taper pavement with resurfacing in 2011. Line stripping should be completed as to contract at this time.
- Request from Mrs. Forsyth on Browns Corner Rd for a "hidden drive" sign by their property. Request from Mrs. Messier on Webster Rd for a "Children at play" sign by their property. The board discussed these two requests and voted all in favor of not erecting any signs.
- Municipal training workshop has been set for July 13 for the selectboard, planning commission, zoning board of adjustment, and zoning administrator; workshop given by VLCT.
- Class 2 paving grant has been awarded by the state for resurfacing Swamp Rd with a 1/2" shim and 1 1/2" overlay and completing the Stanley Rd with 1/2" shim and 1" overlay. Approx 3 miles total. Peter K and Harvey will get quotes. Morses Line Rd was discussed and will be priority for 2011 paving.
- Grant Anticipation Note: Discussion of rates of other banks sought for the funding of the sidewalk. Pete Magnant/Lynn made the motion to move the GAN to the Chittenden Bank with a rate of 1.75% for \$150,000 until September 30 from TDBank note.
- Bills: Board members reviewed and signed bills
- Minutes: Peter Kittell/Lynn made the motion to accept minutes of May 10 and June 4 with changes. No other discussion. All members in favor, approved.
- Weed Harvester: Kyle Lothian, operator, has asked for a dumpsite near the north end of the lake to accommodate the new area of harvesting. He suggested John Giroux's property. Peter will speak with the Giroux's. Also the boat lift and dock on the corner of the Dewing Shore Rd are restricting the ability to get in/out of the lake safely, Peter will speak with Gilbert.
- Town Hall chairs: The church would like to borrow chairs from the town hall for a Friday wedding. The board is fine with that as long as they are back by Saturday am.
- Town Clock: The town clerk has spoken with a non-profit group that works with towns/churches to maintain and preserve the old tower clocks that are still around. They will do a free assessment of our clock and give us advice on the repairs and maintenance that need to be done to keep it ticking for many more years. The board approved of this assessment. Lisa will be in touch with the group.

Old Business:

- Town Hall septic: The alarm needs to be installed for the monitoring of the tank. Board instructed Lisa to be in touch with Gerard Tremblay to do the work.
- The board asked the Town Clerk if she had received a copy of the purchase agreement from Enosburg Rescue regarding the sale of our ambulance. Lisa advised she had not but will look into.
- Class 4 Road policy: The board tabled this matter to next meeting for lack of time tonight.

Selectboard Folder:

- Diane Gates sent a letter asking the board for permission to attend the Regional Energy Commission meetings. She would like to gather information to return to the town and possible grants that may be available. Board is fine with Mrs. Gates attending.
- 911 Plan: Scott had been working with Fire Dept to update the plan. Scott signed and a copy sent to NWRP.
- Driveway permit: David Boudreau has submitted a driveway permit off of Webster Rd. Howard has inspected and required an 18" culvert. Lynn/Peter Kittell made the motion to approve the permit with the 18" culvert. 4 in favor, 1 abstain. Scott signed the permit.
- VLCT: accident status report
- Fire Dept: request for a load of sand for the fire pits at the school for the BBQ. The board approved the town supplying a load of sand for the Fire Dept.
- Engineering quotes for the storm water issue at the highway dept/park & ride as requested by the board and Franklin Telephone. Cross Engineering \$2,500 plus \$800 for overall action plan; Ruggiano \$6,000. The sand pile issue needs to be addressed immediately. The board decided to hold off and table the work to be done. Lisa was asked to do letters to the engineers.

Member Concerns:

- Highway time sheets and work sheets need to be reviewed. The board asked Lisa to forward a copy to them.
- Chloride application issue has been addressed. The highway crew is draining the lines before leaving the dirt road. They are also using signs for "Danger" or "Road construction" so people are aware of the chloride application in progress.
- The board considered doing a water run-off garden with cedars planted on both sides along their boundary to protect run-off to Dick Wrights and Franklin Telephone.
- The board discussed options for Franklin Telephone regarding the park & ride. Restricted hours, change the lights, repair water issue, etc.
- Square Rd: the bus route may need to be addressed after the sidewalks are complete. The curb may create a problem for the corner by the church.
- Speed limit change for Rte 120 by the lake at the request of Ray Hendrickson was discussed further. The board made the decision not to make any changes. There is a 35 mph zone and as this is a seasonal area it will be left as is.
- Discussion on Norm Kern's concern of the junk ordinance violation letter. The board decided that the vehicles and storage trailer could be kept as long as they were moved from the public eye. The zoning administrator will be asked about permit needs for storage trailers.

The next regular Selectboard meeting is July 12, 2010.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk
June 18, 2010

These minutes are not official until approved at the Selectboard's next regular meeting on July 12, 2010. These minutes were approved on July 12, 2010.