

**MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD
MONDAY, MAY 10, 2010
FRANKLIN TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

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

Guests: Heidi Britch-Valenta, Polly Gadbois, Kim Gates Maynard, Hugh Gates, Howard Vansette, Ron Lontine, Judith McLaughlin, Tim Smith-FCID,

Scott called the meeting to order at 6:56 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Watershed:

Scott welcomed Heidi Valenta to the meeting. Heidi shared the Governor's award received by the Watershed for exemplary achievements with the lake and the press release done for same. Heidi would like to display the award in the clerk's office. LCCA is doing a clean up at the north end beach on May 22nd and would like the assistance of the highway crew to pick-up debris. Peter K asked about the LCCA or the town taking over ownership of the north end beach and taking care of. Watershed is doing a float in the Memorial Day Parade and a sapling giveaway. Next meeting is May 13 @ 7:00 and will present the results of 2009 water testing of Lake Carmi. All are invited.

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

Health Officer:

Scott welcomed Polly Gadbois. Polly presented a summary of the work she has done on the junk ordinance enforcement. Two letters were mailed last week as follow-ups stating these residents needed to come to the board with a plan of action on clean up-no action has been taken. Vieta is working on clean up. Thompson's have removed all the trash, septic complaint being looked into. Jette is working on clean up, although the household trash is a health concern. Lacasse making progress on clean up. J. Clark has made no effort on clean up or board contact, Polly wants to speak with Betty Clark before starting enforcement proceedings. If no action is taken by the next meeting, officer will proceed with fines. Polly will keep board updated on progress.

Polly advised the board that Franklin Rescue has entered into an agreement with Enosburg Rescue to purchase our ambulance for \$55,000 over 4 years. Enos Rescue will give credit for services to Franklin for this time. Polly would like the board to acknowledge Franklin Rescue for their service. The board thanked Polly and she exited the meeting.

Planning Commission:

Judith McLaughlin was welcomed to the meeting. Ms. McLaughlin is interested in being a member of the Planning Commission. She introduced herself to the board and gave a summary of her skills; stability, researcher and writer also has time to volunteer in rewriting/updating the regulations and other matters that need attention. A member inquired about her law suit with Mr. Adams. Ms. McLaughlin stated her interest is in protecting her water sources. The board thanked Judith for coming.

Highway Dept:

Howard and Ron entered the meeting. Howard requested for the highway crew to be able to go back to the 10 hour days/4 days a wk. The crew feels their time would be used more wisely with the longer days in completing projects and daily work. May 2009 minutes were reviewed when the 10 hour days were done away with. The board will review policy again and make a decision, they will advise the highway crew.

Scott would like to see clean up work behind the garage. Need to get rid of the old tires and lumber. Members reviewed the new highway sheets of work and will put in recommendations for improvements, would like meter readings of equipment. Peter K advised the new rock seems to be working well. Scott inquired with Howard about the gates/fences for behind the garage. Scott may be able to get some for no charge, will let Howard know. Board thanked the highway crew.

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 7:55. Three voted in favor, two-no. Entered into executive session. Scott/Lynn made to motion to exit executive session at 8:27, all members in favor. Discussion on the park & ride solutions. Discussion of Land committee's progress of recommendations for land use. No action taken.

Kim would like the metal dumpster to be removed after May and back in September only.

Franklin County Industrial Development:

Tim Smith from FCID was welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Smith gave the board an overview of the local economy and the development projects that are currently going on. The board thanked Mr. Smith for coming and he exited the meeting.

Fuel Bids:

Fuel bids were opened by the board members and read aloud.

Blouin Bros:	#2 heating oil	\$2.599
	LSD	\$2.699
Pyrofax:	#2 heating oil	\$2.99
	LSD	\$3.09
SB Collins	#2 heating oil	\$2.799
	LSD	\$2.899

Lynn/Peter K made the motion to accept Blouin Bros price and awarded them the winning bid. The Town Clerk will do letters to the bidders.

Town Clerk's Concerns:

- Animal Control: Burt Maynard advised the Town Clerk he was declining the appointment of an animal control officer. After board discussion, Peter K/Lynn made a motion to appoint Dennis Demar as animal control officer.
- Municipal Education Grant: Lisa advised the board of applying for an education grant for the planning comm., zoning board of adjustment, selectboard on zoning training. She needs input from the boards to complete.
- 911 Plan: The Town Clerk spoke with NWRP about our current 911 plan. NWRP had recently forwarded a copy to Mike with Franklin Fire. Scott will get together with Mike to work on the plan.
- Morses Line Crossing: On May 22 @ 10:00 am there will be a public information meeting by Customs and Border Protection at the town hall regarding the new proposed border crossing at Morses Line. Public posting will be done soon.
- Sidewalk update: The Town Clerk has received the quote from J C Antone on the additional drainage the selectboard would like to put in by the Bullis property on the east side of Square Rd. The quote is for \$4800 to install a catch basin opposite the sidewalk project and cross to connect with the new sidewalk project drainage. Harvey will look at the bid and compare costs, advise Town Clerk of his estimate and advise the board members.
- Highway phone: The highway dept inquired about having a long distance carrier put on their line. The board decided they need to use the Clerk's phone for these calls.
- Bills: Board members reviewed and signed bills
- Minutes: Scott/Peter K made the motion to accept minutes of April 13 with changes. No other discussion. All members in favor, approved.

Old Business:

- Town Hall septic: Peter K has been in touch with Wrights Excavation for a price to do the job. They will replace with a 1500 gal tank with alarm for \$3500. Peter K/Scott made a motion for Wrights to do the project. All members voted in favor.
- Swanton assistance: Lynn spoke with Mike of Swanton high crew and there are no projects at this time for reciprocal work.

New Business:

- Tri-Town Rec Committee: Peter M is a member of this committee and has asked for board approval of approx. \$25 per month per town for the three towns involved to pay a secretary to take and distribute minutes. Peter M/Lynn made the motion to approve paying 1/3 of the cost of the secretary for the tri-town committee. All members in favor, approved. Harvey commented on "green" grants for energy efficiency. Peter M also informed the board that Kim Gates Maynard is working on a survey for the three towns to have input on the project to be handed out by Memorial Day. They will be looking to put this survey on the website also. Peter advised the committee will be looking at other facilities and funding options.

Selectboard Folder:

- Dog warrant: The Town Clerk presented a warrant for pick-up of unlicensed dogs to the board. Peter K/Harvey made a motion to authorize Scott to sign the warrant. All members voted in favor, approved.
- NWRP traffic count: Scott would like the town clerk to get a PDF version of this report so it may be e-mailed to the entire board.
- Tractor agreement: Harvey inquired if the work on the school tractor is being shared 20/80 as agreed. Lisa will look into but advised yes it is being done this way.

- Overweight permits: Scott has been approached by a business owner about the use of Swamp Rd. He is not traveling the road but sees others, such as agricultural using the road. There is a "No thru trucks" sign which aids in keeping of traffic that can use the state roads. Board authorized use except in spring when the roads are soft.
- Gallup Road: Peter K went to inspect the Deso lots where they were told a culvert was needed. Mr. Deso phoned and advised the ditch depth did not allow for a culvert to be installed.
- Class 4 Road policy: The board members will review before the June meeting to take action.
- Agco survey: Peter K will forward to the highway crew to complete.
- VLCT nomination: If any members are interested in serving on the VLCT legislative board.
- VTrans Enhancement Grant: no projects for funding at this time.

Member Concerns:

- Planning Commission member: The board discussed the appointment of a new planning commission member. Peter M/Harvey nominated Judith McLaughlin to the Planning Commission. No other nominations. Four members voted in favor, one abstained. Nomination approved.
- Highway Dept policy: The board discussed the request of the highway crew to return to 4/10 hour days from May 1 through Labor Day. Lynn/Peter K made the motion for the highway crew to work 4/10 hour days for the period stated except for the holiday weeks of Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day, in which they will work 5/8 hour days with the holiday day off paid at 8 hours. Four members voted in favor, one not. Motion passed.
- Zoning Administrator: The board requests that the ZA work with Polly, Health officer, in support of violations.
- Peter Magnant advised the board of the beaver dam which is behind his house that is raising the water level. It may become an issue in the future and the board may want to look at.
- Engineer's input should be sought for storm water run-off issue at the town garage. Scott asked the Town Clerk to set up a meeting for Friday, May 14th at 8:00 am to meet with members to discuss the issue and get proposals/costs for resolving the problem. Lisa will phone Cross Engineering and Ruggiono. It was recommended by members that a silt fence should be installed right away around the sand pile.

The next regular Selectboard meeting is June 14, 2010.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk
 May 12, 2010

These minutes are not official until approved at the Selectboard's next regular meeting on June 14, 2010. These minutes were approved on June 15, 2010.