

# FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD MEETING

## DECEMBER 21, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.

### TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

**Members Present:** Peter Magnant, Yvon Dandurand, Andy Godin, Brooks Sturtevant and Ed Rainville, Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk/Treasurer

**GUESTS:** Susan Clark, Bryant Reynolds, Deb Grennon; Library Trustees

At 7:04 p.m. Peter M called the meeting to order. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS:** Peter M asked to add the Library sidewalk shoveling at #5; Review/sign bills after #6; approval of minutes for Dec 7 and 14 after #4; weed harvester engine update with #8. All in favor

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** None

**MINUTES:** Brooks/Yvon made a motion to approve the Dec 7<sup>th</sup> minutes as written. No discussion; all members in favor, motion passed.  
Yvon/Ed made a motion to approve the Dec 14<sup>th</sup> minutes as written. Discussion had and corrections made as noted. All members in favor of changes, motion passed.

**LIBRARY BUDGET:** Lisa advised that Mark Vinci is no longer available to shovel the library sidewalk. She will check with Guy Roberge to see if he is willing to shovel the walk. Sue, Bryant and Deb were here to present the library budget to the Selectboard. Sue advised the library has cut their budget by \$3,000; thanks the board for their continued support. The trustees are asking for a town assessment of \$38,000 same as FY17.

- Patronage is down a bit this year.
- Technology work/upgrades are being done by the librarians now, this takes up extra time for them.
- Haston Library is at the top of the performance list with the State of VT Dept of Libraries for our population.
- They are working with the school to incorporate the young kids to the library through Tumble Time and other programs.
- Working on writing a grant with Building Bright Futures for books and programs.

Trustees were thanked for the hard work and exited the meeting.

#### **HIGHWAY DEPT:**

- Driveway permit for Jim Messier/ Eric Bushey on Messier Rd; Andy approved and signed.
- Moisture concern at the town garage was discussed and how to best get rid of the excess water from the trucks that melt off inside. Need to look at a way to drain the floors and change the heating system. Will work with the Watershed drainage engineering study grant to incorporate these drainage options.

**REVIEWED/SIGNED BILLS:** The board reviewed and signed bills.

**PARK & RIDE AGREEMENT/CONTRACT:** The town has not yet received anything from Franklin Telephone Co yet; tabled until received.

**BUDGET-GENERAL:** Board discussed the article items to be included.

- Sidewalks on Main St-\$11,000 request contingent on a grant being received/awarded for the 20% match.
- Recreation Dept-\$15,000 being requested; discussion of programs and goals
- Ambulance-discussion of proposals for services and costs. Article to read "Are the voters of the Town of Franklin in favor of maintaining Enosburgh Rescue as the ambulance provider for the next five years?"
- Reviewed the General budget line items: minimum wage rate goes up to \$10.60 January 2017. Ambulance costs reduced to \$33,017.50 with Enosburgh Rescue. Watershed assessment will be included in the budget not as a separate article.
- Total General budget up approx. \$5,000

#### **-HIGHWAY:**

- Salaries for highway crew discussed. The guys are doing a good job with all equipment maintenance and undercoating the trucks which will save the town in the end. Peter suggested giving a \$.60 per hour raise to both crew members. The spare driver will be budgeted at \$16 per hour for 120 hours.
- Equipment rental was discussed on road needs-level funded at \$5,000

- Gravel-discussed using more blue rock on the roads as it holds up better for longer; cost is more per yard but a savings is seen in road quality. Increase budget to \$25,000
- Paving-Ed suggests making a three year plan of needs. Also states that crack sealing the roads for maintenance of surfaces as well as right before repaving will keep the roads longer. Should look at purchasing a sealing machine with other towns as a shared resource. Budget \$100,000 for blacktopping; \$10,000 for road sealing.
- Sand/salt-increase to \$16,000; with cost of salt increases.
- Shop/Tools- discussed a stationary pressure washer; Yvon advised PSI is important as you don't want to peel the paint off the truck. Yvon will check out our current washer. Andy suggests a pressure pump just on a garden hose for quick clean ups.
- Repairs/Maintenance-down due to the trade of the old truck. Howard advised the loader may need new bushings at the bucket. Andy will check it out.
- Total highway budget down approx. \$3,000

**WEED HARVESTER:** Yvon has spoken with Franklin Rental about ordering the 32 hp Subaru engine. They are no longer making with model due to issues. They will sell us a 40 hp for the same cost which will match up to the current harvester setup. It has been ordered.

Lisa was thanked and exited the meeting.

**MEMBER CONCERNS/OTHER BUSINESS:** General salaries were discussed. The board recommends the same pay increase of \$.60 for both Lisa and Sara.

At 9:55 p.m. Brooks S/Ed R made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE JANUARY 4, 2017 AT 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
 Lisa Larivee  
 Town Clerk/Treasurer  
 December 22, 2016

**These minutes are not official until approved at the next regular board meeting.**  
 These minutes were approved at the January 4, 2017 selectboard meeting.