

Franklin Selectboard Meeting December 7, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m. Town Clerk's Office

PRESENT: PETER MAGNANT, YVON DANDURAND, ED RAINVILLE, ANDY GODIN, BROOKS STURTEVANT, SANDI MURPHY (MINUTE TAKER)

GUESTS: CYRUS GRENNON, HOWARD VANSELETTE, MICHAEL LAWYER, JUSTIN RAINVILLE, MARK TOOF, AND LISA LARIVÉE (TOWN CLERK)

CALL TO ORDER- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND AGENDA AMENDMENTS

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Peter M. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Agenda amends are as follows: add Bill review and approvals; under item #7 add sign Grant amendments for Morses Line and Stanley Road grants

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Cyrus Grennon had a question about 4705 Main Street address.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER

Cyrus Grennon is present to explain why he is interested in serving on the Planning Commission. He said he plans on living here for a while and wants to take an active part in community work. Yvon D/Andy G made a motion to appoint Cyrus Grennon to the open seat on the Planning Commission. All in favor, motion carried. The PC now has seven members.

APPROVE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 16, 2016

Ed R/Yvon D made a motion to approve the November 16, 2016 minutes as amended per the changes Polly Gadbois wanted on the Ambulance discussion. Vote taken, one abstained, motion carried.

AMBULANCE SERVICE - DISCUSSION WITH FRANKLIN FIRE DEPT. MEMBERS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Michael Lawyer, Justin Rainville and Mark Toof were present. Peter M reviewed the two proposed contract offers from Amcare and Enosburgh Ambulance. Much discussion followed on the response times, how the dispatch works, the subscription options, etc. No recommendations were made, but the selectboard's questions were answered where possible. After the guests left, the SB discussed how this would be presented at Town Meeting. Money needs to be budgeted. The current contract is good through June 2017. Yvon D wants the residents to help decide. Peter M said we still have more questions and need more info on both plans.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Howard V has been off, but came in one day this past week. Jake Dandurand has plowed some. (He is the spare driver). Andy and Howard said he is doing fine. Highway Department employee reviews will be done Monday at 7:00 p.m.. Ed R mentioned that one of the plow trucks seems to be dropping extra sand when stopped, (a town resident mentioned). Howard will look into it.

Driveway Permit - J Mullen - Howard V looked at the driveway location and said it does not need a culvert.

There seems to be a moisture issue in the town garage building. Installing a Modine heater may help. Dehumidifier may be needed. Howard V will look into this.

BILL REVIEW WAS PASSED AROUND AND SIGNED

TOWN CLERK CONCERNS

Grant agreement amendments need to be reviewed and signed for the Stanley Road paving and the Morses Line culvert work. Brooks S/Ed R made a motion to sign these. All in favor. Peter M signed the agreements.

Budget Review- Lisa L (town clerk) is present and she mentioned the SB needs to go over the Highway Dept. budget expenses and income for FY2018. Lisa said she and the auditors are working on the switch to the Accrual accounting system from the Cash accounting system. Ed R explained the difference.

Articles for Town Meeting - Lisa L said we need to word one for the Ambulance Service choice. We need an Article for the sidewalk work. Lisa L read one she has, but will run it by VLCT. A Grant for this work may be possible. We need an Article to budget a sum for the Recreation Department. And we may need an Article for the proposed land sale. Lisa will work on these.

OLD BUSINESS

Replacement of weed harvester engine - Lisa reminded everyone that this can be covered under the Grant, but needs to be purchased before Dec 30th. Brooks S suggested an upgrade to the larger Subaru engine (37hp) and Yvon D will get an estimate. Brooks S/Ed R made a motion to allow \$4000 to be spent to purchase, install, for parts and labor. All in favor and motion carried.

Salt comparison - SB members looked at past years numbers from before the salt shed and after.

NEW BUSINESS

Tree cutting at Town park - Jordon St.Pierre estimated \$800 to drop the tree and Gabree Tree Service estimated \$1400. Brooks S/Yvon D made a motion to hire Jordon St.Pierre to cut the tree down. He is insured. Vote taken, One abstention, Motion carried.

Pete rM will look into who the wood should be given to. (hopefully a wood burning needy family).

SELECTBOARD FOLDER

Peter M went through the folder and read some of the correspondence aloud.

MEMBER CONCERNS/OTHER BUSINESS

Ed R - commented on Jeremy being organized and thorough. Ed also thinks we should use more blue rock on the roads.

Andy G - no concerns

Brooks S - no concerns

Yvon D - Modine heater for the town garage - we should look into it. Recreation Dept. needs a place to store equipment. Maybe the basement of the Catholic Church could be used or the basement of the Town Hall.

Peter M - reminded SB of the meeting on Monday for the Highway Department reviews. Hugh Gates called Peter M on the Park and Ride issue. Hugh is willing to draft a contract for review if the town would cover the legal fees. Peter M asked if the SB was OK with giving Gift Certificates to all town employees for Christmas gifts. Everyone agreed.

AT 9:47 PM BROOKS S/ED R MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

NEXT MEETING OF THE SELECTBOARD WILL BE DECEMBER 21, 2016 @ 7:00 PM AT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Respectfully submitted,
Sandi Murphy

These minutes are not official until approved at the next regular selectboard meeting.

These minutes were approved at the December 21, 2016 selectboard meeting.