MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD

WEDNESDAY, July 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Town Clerk's Office

Members Present:

Peter Magnant, Yvon Dandurand, Andy Godin, Ed Rainville (arrived late), Brooks Sturtevant and Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk

Guests:

Larry Myott, Peter Benevento, Judith McLaughlin, David & Diane Larose; LCCA: John McHugh, Clark Hubbard, Robert Irish, Howard Vanselette, Stephanie Ho, Bridgette Thompson, Bridgette Favreau

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Peter Magnant. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda Amendments:

Under highway dept.-add structures grant for Morses Line Rd; Better Roads grant for Swamp Rd; culvert grant for Towle Neighborhood Rd.

Under town clerk concern-add dog complaint

Under new business-add open meeting law discussion

Public comment:

Peter would like to remember several long-time residents of Franklin that have passed away recently. Marilyn Riley who worked at the General Store for many years; Martha Jane Olmstead who was the Town Clerk for many years; Clement Rainville who was a military vet and local farmer. The board is happy for all they gave to the town over the years.

Approval of June 15, 2016 minutes:

Yvon/Andy made a motion to accept the minutes of June 15th as written. Three members voted yes/Brooks abstained, motion passed.

LCCA:

Re: Lake Greeter Program. Peter Benevento confirms that the Franklin Watershed has received a donation of \$2,500 for the funding of the Lake Greeter Program. Lisa has spoken with John McHugh, the greeter, about the available funding for 155 hours divided by 8 wks. Yvon/Brooks made a motion to accept the Franklin Watershed donation of \$2,500 for the Lake Greeter Program. All in favor.

Lake Carmi water quality: Peter B. is concerned for residents that have cottages for sale and are not being able to sell due to the quality of the water. Properties have been for sale for years and are not selling-values at risk from unhappy owners. With values dropping; affects the grand list and the revenue of the town drops. Need to get more help from the town board to petition folks and officials for help at the State/Federal level. Larry states he has seen improvements to farming practices with buffers, injection spreading and better prevention. Judith has reviewed the 2015 NRPC plan and Lake Carmi is not identified as impaired. Yvon states that NRPC has created a "Clean Water Team" to work on water quality now that the Clean Water act has been implemented. David asks the board to speak with local farmers about joining the local team to get all involved to help improve the water. Larry asks the selectboard to also be an advocate to get more help. David asks about keeping the beach area clean on a weekly basis; Larry asks about the area that the town owns; not the entire beach is being cleaned. The Lake Champlain Committee and VT Dept. of Health are testing regularly for blue/green algae. In June there was a bloom noted on Dewing Shore and more will soon start to be an issue with the warm/dry weather. David advised the State would be willing to treat the lake once the influx phosphorous level is controlled: Lake Carmi would be a good pilot project location in the future for treatment. Lake Rd speed limit: Peter B has a petition regarding the speed limit on Lake Rd; if the selectboard would forward to VTrans for further consideration.

Weed Harvester update: Brooks has tried to go out on the lake and the machine is still not operating properly. Yvon has been unable to get help from the manufacturer, Aquamarine. He has spoken with a guy from Wisconsin who used to work for Aquamarine. Aquamarine has changed the engine and no change; we feel it is a hydraulic issue with the overheating; still working to get answers.

Water billing: Peter B is concerned with the cost of the water bill for LCCA. Board explained the increase to the unit fees; and they need to come to the Water Commission board to discuss.

Franklin Recreation Department:

Bridgette Thompson, Bridgette Favreau and Stephanie Ho were present to discuss their plan of forming a Recreation Department in Franklin with the Selectboard. They have investigated options with Highgate, Swanton, and Enosburg on how their departments are run; a director would be needed at some point. Have put together short term goals and longer term future goals for all residents of Franklin to participate. Lisa will speak with other towns on how they operate; appointed boards, funding, and insurance coverage.

Planning Commission/Zoning concerns:

- Peter discussed the email that was received from the public service board regarding Act 130-telecommunication and how this will affect Franklin within the town plan. Clark advised that Tyler from NRPC will be at the next Planning Commission meeting to discuss S260, solar/wind setting and the town plan protection areas. The "River Corridor" through the village has to be a protection area with the town plan. Judith advised the 2015 NRPC plan needs to mesh with our town plan. By 2050, Franklin County needs to be 90% renewable. Mr. Irish states there are areas that are environmentally sensitive that are protected in our town plan now.
- Judith has concerns with the Hull's subdivision that was presented at the last Planning Commission meeting; the information presented did not seem to follow the development regulations according to her. This is a 3-lot subdivision near town and it was given a 15 minute review of the proposal, there was not due diligence of the details. Clark advised this was a proposed review to be sure it meets the town plan; the PC will have a formal board review of all the necessary information and warned to the abutters as necessary at the next meeting. Mr. Irish reiterates the "sketch plan review" is an informal request of the board by the applicant to be sure it meets with the town plan, than it moves forward with the warning and specific plan details as required. The PC has 45 days to act and make a decision on the final approval of the subdivision.
- Robert discussed the decks on Dewing Shore Rd with the board; they have no permits, are not noted on listers cards, no records of them at all. Many were removed for the Shoreline Stabilization project and replaced/rebuilt. Robert wants to set a moratorium on what currently exists and have the owners get permits to have a record and bring into compliance within a specific time. The land owner will need to grant permission/sign permits as well. The board is in agreement with this action.

Highway Department

- Class 2 paving grants: The Board discussed the grants; Brooks/Yvon made a motion to accept the paving grants for three roads; Dewing, Stanley and Morses Line (border) Rd in the amount of \$151,085. All in favor, Peter signed the grant agreements. The board reviewed and discussed the paving bids from ECI and Pike; they will split the work between the two companies. Andy/Ed made a motion to award the bid for the three roads to be funded by the paving grants, Stanley, Dewing and Morses Line to Pike for the sum of \$170,894 @ \$66.29/ton (with \$19,809 of town funds). All in favor, Peter signed contract. Brooks/Yvon made a motion to award the bid for Riley Rd to ECI in the sum of \$52,950 @ \$68.50/ton. Continue resurfacing Morses Line Rd from Donald Rainville toward Highgate town line for the balance of approx. \$50,000 of budgeted funds. All in favor, Peter signed contract. Howard will recurve the Dewing Rd/Towle Neighborhood Rd intersection before paving is done.
- **Traffic ordinance:** Towle Neighborhood Rd speed limit was reviewed. Tabled for further review of all roads before final adoption.
- Cargill Salt Contract: Board reviewed the contract. Yvon/Ed made a motion to accept the contract from Cargill for \$80.79/ton for 180 tons. All in favor, Peter signed the contract.
- Culvert updates: Morses Line culvert repair is eligible for a VTrans structure grant. Howard is working on costs for the temporary repair to stabilize the culvert. Lisa will contact Jim Cota at VTrans regarding grant submission. Howard advised the Towle Neighborhood culvert is fine for now, will continue to watch. Franklin Watershed received a grant to do engineering of 4 culverts on Towle Neighborhood Rd identified in the storm water plan; Jess Draper gave the board engineered plans that have been done for these repairs; to be done next year. The Better Roads grant applied for by Franklin Watershed for repair of two Swamp Rd culverts was denied, the applicant must be a town entity. Funding is available if the town wants to apply for this project; Yvon/Brooks made a motion to apply for the Better Roads grant on Swamp Rd and FWC will do the erosion repairs. All in favor. Lisa will resubmit by town.
- **Street clean up:** Peter asked Howard to sweep Square Rd along the curb and the Browns Corner/Hanna Rd intersection has much gravel build-up/berms that need to be cleaned up.

Town Clerk Concerns

- **Highway truck loan docs:** Lisa presented to the board the loan docs from Union Bank for the purchase of the new highway truck in the amount of \$55,000 for 4 years at 1.4% interest. Brooks/Yvon made a motion to approve the note, resolution and tax certificate of \$55,000 from Union Bank for 4 years. All in favor, members signed the docs.
- **Fire truck bids:** One bid from Jeff Corey was received for \$6751. Brooks/Yvon made a motion to award the bid to Jeff Corey for the \$6751. All in favor, Lisa will contact Mr. Corey.
- Better Roads grant: the Webster Rd grant was denied in FY16. Lisa received a call from Alan Mays with Better Roads that funding may now be available; he will be in touch when he receives funds.
- **Financial Management certification:** Town treasurers are required to complete the self-certification regarding management practices for their town as required by the VT State Treasurer. The board reviewed and Peter signed as such.

Review and sign bills

All reviewed the bills folder and signed off on them.

Old Business

- Weed harvester dump site: Peter has not yet spoken with Peter Kittell.
- **Speed limit:** Lisa will draft a letter to VTrans regarding our previous request and submit with the petition from lake residents.

New Business

Open meeting law: Yvon advised this was discussed at the last NRPC board meeting by Catherine. - Public comments; no decision/action can be made at the time, need to wait to warn for the next meeting to act on.

- Minutes must be available within 5 calendar days as a draft. Draft minutes must be available for one year from meeting date.
- Executive session should not be on agenda at all; any minutes taken during executive session as open to the public.
- Member concerns; can't be acted upon, just comments

SELECTBOARD Folder: none

Member Concerns/ Other Business

Andy-ends will be put on the sand shed next week. The land that is rented for haying behind the garage is only 15.6 acres not the 25 as advertised; will need to adjust the contract for next year.

Ed states that with the request from Jenny's Barn for fireworks; they should notify their neighbors when this occurs. The crack sealing should be done when our highway crew are working so they may assist with signage and flagging for safety concerns. The berms along road sides should be pulled back to fill washouts along pavement edges.

Yvon spoke with Eric Dandurand regarding the issues with the weed harvester. Eric thinks it may be the hydraulic motor; the pump is for 2600 rpm and the machine is running at 3600 rpm. Still working with Subaru and Aquamarine to get a fix.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 p.m. by Brooks/Yvon. The motion carried with all in favor.

The next meeting will be August 3, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk July 8, 2016

These minutes are not official until approved at the Selectboard's next regular meeting. These minutes were approved at the August 2, 2016 board meeting.