

**MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD
WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2017 @ 6:00 P.M.
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

Members Present: Peter Magnant, Yvon Dandurand, Brooks Sturtevant, Ed Rainville (entered at 7:43), Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk/Treasurer.

Guests: Howard Vansette, Road Foreman; EJ Blondin, J Hutchins Inc

Peter called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m., pledge of allegiance was said.

Agenda amendments: Add to #5 town clerk concerns; dog complaint and LCCA fireworks letter. All members in favor

Public Comments: none

Minutes:

Brooks/Yvon made the motion to approve the minutes of April 25 and May 1, 2017. The minutes of April 25 were reviewed and minor corrections made; line 130-remove sentence with "MVU.." and change "Voter approval is needed..." Member concerns- add "Enosburg" will remove. May 1, line 23 "limestone"; line 24 add "Howard advised due to soft spots, pot holes, large truck traffic; line 38, remove "doing funny things" and add try before changes or "adjustments" are made. Minutes approved with changes and motion passed.

Highway Dept:

- EJ Blondin from J Hutchins Inc was welcomed to the meeting to discuss paving work. In January 2017 J Hutchins expanded their excavation business to also do full service paving work as well; purchased all the equipment needed. They have been approved by the State of VT to do contract work. Mr. Blondin has 28 years of experience in paving, worked for VTrans and Whitcoms. Current price per ton is approx. \$60-65, pavement mix is purchased from Pike's plant. They follow the state standard of 20% reclaimed material mix, use 3/8 stone. Need to crack seal large cracks 2 month or more before paving is done to set. Should set completion dates before end of Oct, should not pave into November. Howard advised would like to complete Moses Line Rd from B. Barnum to Highgate line. Also would like to do 3/10 mile on Stanley Rd from Kendall Rd 4-corner west. Pete advised we will be in touch when bidding projects. Mr. Blondin was thanked and exited the meeting.
- Road/Traffic ordinance updates: Pete read changes to the ordinance to add "permitted uses of ROW" and "putting of products on the roadway". The board would like to have language in the ordinance regarding the farm equipment that exit fields and create traffic safety hazards on the roads. Need to set requirements for cleanup and caution sign use. Will warn for public comments at the June 21 town plan hearing.
- Driveway culvert policy: Pete read the draft driveway culvert policy. Discussed details with the highway crew of requirements. Warn for public comments at the June 21 hearing as well.
- Main St ROW: residents of Main St have concerns with cars parking in front of their property when going to the General Store or Telephone office and blocking them in, would like to place plastic curbs at their property lines. Lisa has discussed with VTrans regarding Rte 120 ROW; is 24' 9" from the center line. Jim Cota cautions of the liability in placing objects in the State's "clear zone". The board will measure and look into the area of concern for town safety and liability as well.
- State Salt contract: Lisa has contacted VLCT and advised we are interested in joining the pool for a state salt contract for municipalities. We are not committed at this time; VLCT will contact us with further details and pricing.
- Howard has given his notice that he is planning to retire July 15th.

Town Clerk concerns:

- Catering permits for Jenny's Barn-five weddings for this summer. Lisa is authorized to sign the liquor catering permits but likes to inform the board of the events. Board is ok with them.
- Town hall electrical bids: Brooks opened bid from Rainville Electric-Eric Rainville-\$15,629.91 total; item #1 \$8,194; item #2 \$4,698.70; item #3 \$2,587.21; permit fee of \$150.00. Yvon opened bid from Stark Electric-Chris Stark-\$10,927 total; item #1 \$4,882; item #2 \$3,665; item #3 \$2,380. Board reviewed details of both bids compared to the scope of work requested. Brooks/Yvon made a motion to accept the bid for the town hall electrical work from Stark Electric of \$10,927 with payment of 50% up front and balance after completion and inspection of work. Lisa will set up a prework meeting and inquire about a permit fee.

- Rec Dept Director job posting: Brooks attending the last Rec Board meeting to review the job posting and requirements, the selectboard is good with it. Pete advised the Rec Board should choose their director with approval of the Selectboard, can sit in on the interviews as well. Will post for applications due June 20th.
- LCCA Fireworks letter of permission; Pete read the letter and item was tabled until the next meeting, June 7th to be warned on the agenda.
- Dog complaint: Lisa received a dog complaint regarding two dogs at 1059 Middle Rd. Letter was sent that they are not registered and the requirements to do so. The dogs leave the property and appear aggressive to neighbors and their children and pets. Concerns about safety. Lisa will do a letter to the owners about controlling their dogs and send a copy of the dog ordinance; copy to ACO as well to pay a visit.

Review and Sign bills: done by the board. Discussed town hall painting on rear of building; need to rent a lift.

Old Business: none

New Business:

- Weed harvester operators-Delbert Cook, Andy Godin and Morgan Rainville are willing to continue to operate the machine. Brooks will contact the group to work out a schedule for the summer. Need to test the machine with the new engine to make final operating adjustments.
- Town Plan draft was accepted by the Selectboard after Planning Commission hearing updates. Board reviewed and set a date for a Selectboard hearing for Wednesday, June 21st at 7:00 in the FELCO room of the Homestead.
- Reviewed the Driveway culvert Policy with Ed of the new standards and rules that the State is imposing. Ed recommends wording of "primary residential driveway culvert".

Selectboard folder: none

Member Concerns:

- Ed-two trees behind the town hall should be cut as they are leaning. Pete will speak with Dave Bennion about their tree as well that rubs against the building. Need to advise Marc Vinci that staging should not be built on the new roof; will have to rent a lift after July 1.
- Brooks has spoken with R. Cooper regarding highway crew concerns.
- Yvon discussed paving work on what should be done and when; need to get bids for work to be done in the fall 2017 and spring 2018, may get a better price in the spring when there is less demand for work from companies.
- Pete-with Howard giving his notice for July 15th, need to post the position, discuss posting at the June 7th meeting. Discussed Foremen position vacancy and need for job description and requirements.
- Lisa suggested that the town garage should have internet for their own e-mail account to receive training notices, bids for work, ect. Will look into cost with Franklin Telephone.
- Pete discussed the Better Roads grant funding for work on class 4 road erosion concerns with the new rule of the State. Discussed reclassifying class 4 roads to legal trials so they are not required to have upgrades under Act 146. Lisa advised the grant for the Webster Road culvert project has been awarded for \$6,328.

Next regular select board meeting will be Wednesday, June 7th at 7:00 pm.

Brooks /Ed made a motion to adjourn at 9:08 p.m. All members voted in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk
May 18, 2017

These minutes are not official until approved at the Select board's next regular meeting.
These minutes were approved at the June 7, 2017 Selectboard meeting.