

**MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD
WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2016 @ 7:00 P.M.
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Peter Magnant, Yvon Dandurand, Brooks Sturtevant, Ed Rainville, Andy Godin, Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk

GUESTS:

Howard Vanselette, Bob Lafont-Pike paving, Polly Gadbois, Walter Kruhl-Amcare, Justin Rainville, Annette Favreau and Jim Boudreau.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Peter Magnant. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

AGENDA ADMENDMENTS: Add to town clerk concerns: bills/warrants to be signed. All members in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Boudreau lives at the beginning of Scott Rd and was present to discuss his issue of digging a trench across the road to slow down speeding traffic. The highway crew has repaired the trench several times and advised him that he cannot dig across the road. He has requested that a new speed limit sign of 35 mph be installed as the old one is very faded; the highway crew has replaced the sign. Pete advised that Scott Rd is not listed on the traffic ordinance for 35 mph therefore it is assumed to be 50 mph. The board will review adding Scott Rd to the traffic ordinance. Mr. Boudreau is advised to keep out of the road or he will be responsible and liable for damages or injury to residents. The board will request a Sheriff presence at this area.

MINUTES: Yvon/Ed made the motion to accept and approve the minutes of April 19. Andy abstained/ 4 members in favor, motion passed.

EMS SERVICES: The board welcomed Walter Kruhl from Amcare and Polly Gadbois to discuss ambulance services. Peter spoke of our current contract with Enosburg Rescue until June 2017. Polly had an active part in the input of this contract with Enosburg as an active rescue member. The board is looking at options in negotiating a new contract for ambulance services. Like the 3 year contract for budgeting purposes and invite Mr. Kruhl to entertain a bid if this is an area of coverage for Amcare. Mr. Kruhl advised yes; they have 3 fully staffed ambulances 24/7; one being stationed in Sheldon at the new sight. Have a total of 6 ambulances; with 4 to 5 fully staffed during the week days. Amcare has 2 units 24/7 of paramedic services. They have been in service for 27 years. He did a contract with Highgate for 5 years. Sheldon has been with Amcare since 2012. Calls are mapped by GPS and the 911 system data that is available in each ambulance. Mr. Kruhl states they do not do the membership subscriptions such as some volunteer services do; the State/Medicaid discourages doing this. Their cost currently is \$23 per capita based on the last census. Costs charged for Paramedics vs. EMT is not based on their certification but rather the cost of the service/care that is necessary and performed; the rates are set by Medicare. Amcare personal do a "fall scape" program to assist elderly/home health with home evaluations to prevent falls from happening. The service does cover contact sports events. Justin Rainville asks if Amcare covers the fire departments with subscriptions they have. Mr. Kruhl said they do not do subscriptions. Justin asks if there would be an ambulance on sight at fire scenes; Mr. Kruhl states yes that can be worked out. Is there CPR training for fire dept. members; Mr. Kruhl advises they do in-service annually for the departments they cover. Peter asked Mr. Kruhl to do a proposal for a 3 year and 5 year contract. Mr. Kruhl and Mrs. Gadbois were thanked and exited the meeting.

HIGHWAY DEPT: Howard was present.

- Bob Lafont from Pike Paving was present to discuss the paving work for the summer. Discussed the contract bid that he submitted for Dewing Rd, Stanley Rd, Morses Line Rd, and Riley Rd. Peter advised we have applied for a paving grant from VTrans so the work to be done will be contingent on the grant award. Peter wants to have a pre-construction meeting before any work is done to be sure what the expectations are. Bob states can sign the contract with a contingent note of the grant funding. The ton price may change if the work is cut down. Peter wants the board to discuss further before

signing the contract. Yvon asks who makes the decision about weather or potholes, road condition before paving; Bob advises the pavement foreman watches the weather and is responsible for surface preparation. Ed asks about the tack coat that is put down before paving; Bob states this is very important to have a good tack coat evenly spread across entire surface. Ed advised of concerns he had last year with the quality of work; paving in rain, tack coat not done well. Bob states this is good to hear and he will speak with his men. Bob was thanked and exited the meeting.

- The board discussed the two price quotes from Pike Paving and ECI and the specs/measurements they use for the quotes. The board would like Lisa to contact both parties and advise we have not heard on the grant funding; once we hear we will rebid for the actual work to be done.
- Howard advised he has purchased a broom for the tractor and it works well.
- Pete advises we need to update the traffic ordinance to add Scott Rd for 35 mph.
- Howard advised the new truck has a back-up camera and would like to install one on his truck. Lisa has applied for a PACIF grant through VLCT to fund half the cost of a camera. Also has applied for funding of security cameras for the garage site to prevent thefts of gas/diesel fuel.
- Andy advised he has spoken with Greg Lussier and the sand shed ends have been scheduled to be installed in July.
- Ed asks about signs on Morses Line Rd for a “suggested speed of 40 mph” with the defeat of the speed limit change. He witnessed a near accident of farm equipment exiting the fields and a speeding truck this week and feels signs should be put up.

TOWN CLERK CONCERNS:

- **Town hall-Cultural Facilities** grant for the electrical work. Reviewed with the board what was submitted with the quotes from David Barnum and Ricki Calderwood. Ed states that Mr. Barnum is covered with insurance and suggests that a state inspector/permit be acquired for state approval of the work. Lisa feels they should meet with the two contractors if the grant is awarded to review the detailed scope of work.
- **Franklin County Sheriff** contract was reviewed; Ed/Brooks made a motion to accept the contract for July 2016-June 2017 for \$5,500. All members vote in favor and signed the contract.
- **Jenny’s Barn** has submitted two catering permits for weddings on June 4 and July 30. Lisa is authorized to sign, but would like the board to be aware of them as well.
- **Letter for the LCCA/State Police** for the approval of the road closure of Rte. 120, north beach area for the fireworks and activities on July 3rd. All members approve, Peter signed.
- **Water District checking acct**-Lisa reviewed the checking account with People’s Trust Co that is a money market acct; the water district often writes more than the allowed 5 checks per month and deposit items allowed monthly for is being charged fees that are equaling out the interest earned. Would like to move the account to Community National Bank as a municipal account with .15% interest but no monthly fees. Lisa Larivee and Sara Rainville would continue to be the signers on the account. Brooks/Andy made a motion to move the account to Community National with Lisa Larivee and Sara Rainville as signers; all members vote in favor, motion passed.
- **Bills/Warrants** reviewed and signed. Clark’s Truck Center is ready to deliver the new truck; the trade and \$61,000 from the Equipment fund will be paid to them with the balance to be paid after July 1 in FY17 with borrowed funds.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Junk ordinance**/burning/solid waste disposal-Lisa gave copies to members to review at the next meeting.
- **Road changes**- Middle/Lake/Morses Line Rd is still being discussed and reviewed. Dewing/Towle Neighborhood Rd should be restructured for the corner to “T” Towle Neighborhood into Dewing and remove the extra pavement space. Need to look at making the change before repaving.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Emergency Operations Plan**-Lisa reviewed the minor updates made. Peter needs to do the ICS100 training before signing the plan.

- **Fire Truck-** Justin gave the board information/specs on the old 1994 fire truck that needs to be sold. He can get an idea of what the value is, hopeful to get \$5,000 for it. Will be available in 2 weeks when the new truck is complete. Discussed what to do with the proceeds of the sale. Justin suggests the FFD using for the up-fitting of the new truck or against the payments of the loan. The board agrees and will see what it brings.
- **Town Plan-** reviewed the list from the Planning Commission/NRCP for changes that need to be made to the plan. The Plan needs to be renewed by May 2017. Copies given to the board members for review and asked for suggestions of changes. Town land use review; Pete would like a joint meeting of PC, ZBA, ZA and board in June to start discussing issues.
- **Weed Harvester operators;** Delbert Cook and Brooks are willing to operate the harvester. Need to get it on the lake soon to test the new motor and be sure all is running fine before season starts. Discussed the need for another operator; Brooks will talk to Kyle Lothian to see if he is interested.

SELECTBOARD FOLDER:

- Request from Wayne Fiske to put up “no littering” signs, willing to purchase. Tabled at this time.
- VTrans-Bike & Pedestrian program letter; Lisa to look into options for bike paths around Lake Rd area.
- Letter to VTrans about the speed limit reduction on Lake Rd and a request to redo a study during July and reconsider the change. Peter signed.

MEMBER CONCERNS/OTHER BUSINESS:

- Andy would like to put on the next agenda to review the equipment replacement list; the loader will be in need soon.
- Yvon-have we heard anything from LCCA about the leash law change; Lisa advised no comments received. Weed harvester schedule-Brooks will set up to meet with Delbert and touch base with Kyle to put together a schedule. The Emergency Plan for the Homestead; Justin has spoken with Stacey but have not coordinated a date to review and update a plan. Yvon would like to see a sign with the Border Crossing hours; Lisa will confirm the Canadian hours.
- Peter asked about scheduling the brick work for the library/office building for the fall; Lisa will contact Jay Lawrence. Library pillars need to be completed; Yvon will speak with Henry Rainville. Peter would like to invite Franklin Telephone to the next meeting to discuss the Park and Ride and a resolution to the closure.
- Lisa advised that the Librarian-Kathleen had asked about planting a sunflower house on the lawn next to the garden.
- Ed asked about the sidewalks on Main Street and the state permit that is needed to do work on them in the future. Lisa advised it is an 1111 permit and is easy to apply for and does not take much time.

Brooks/Ed made the motion to adjourn at 9:40 p.m.. Motion carried, all in favor.

THE NEXT MEETING DATE WILL BE MAY 18, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk
May 6, 2016

These minutes are not official until approved at the Selectboard's next regular meeting.
These minutes were approved at the May 18, 2016 board meeting.