

**Franklin Selectboard Meeting
September 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
FranklinTown Clerk's Office**

Present: Peter Magnant, Yvon Dandurand, Brooks Sturtevant, Ed Rainville, Andy Godin, Lisa Larivee (Town Clerk) and Sandi Murphy (minute taker).

Guests: Hugh and Kim Gates (Franklin Telephone); Nancy Johnson, Bill and Sharron Sorensen, Ruth Ann Krayesky, Rolland Rainville, Craig Gilmond, Hilda Hendrickson, David and Diane Larose, Bob Evans, Dick Benton, Albert J. Perry, Karen Cangelosi, Debbie Bushey, Daniel Larivee, David Bennion, Jeremy Barnum (road crew), James Jewett, Jay Denault, Jeff Teitelbaum, Joe Craig.

Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance - at 6:03 pm Peter M called the meeting to order and the Pledge was recited.

Agenda amendments: add the shooting range complaint on Gallup Road to the agenda under new business.

New Business:

FRANKLIN TELEPHONE COMPANY: CONCERNING THE PARK AND RIDE

Hugh and Kim Gates were present- Kim came up with some discussion items. Any agreement would need to be signed off on by all the parties connected by the private road. The agreement (paid for by the Town) would state limited access for the Park and Ride; striving for a 20 year agreement (proposed a 2009 start timeframe); acknowledging the parking benefits the Homestead; procedures in place to deal with any problems that arise; (Brooks S suggested a camera); any change in use needs to be addressed by all parties. Kim brought a copy of the summary judgement for the SB members to review. The Homestead needs to be on board. They have a meeting on the 27th of this month. The State requires the Park and Ride signs. Kim wants the agreement to state the history of this project. Hugh wants it explained to the town folk once all is settled.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - LAKE CARMi WATER CONDITIONS

Peter M started the discussion by stating that the SB acknowledges this is a sensitive issue with camp owners; that the SB understands the objective is to improve the conditions by working with the State and all parties that can offer help. Ruth Ann Krayesky introduced Bob Evans who is the new liaison person for LCCA. Mr. Evans then read a letter that went out to LCCA Camp owners. The LCCA wants to partner with the town and others to research and create solutions. The LCCA position is not advoceral, but to use facts and new info.

Dick Benton spoke about a couple of boards that were removed from the Mill dam last Saturday. Julie Moore (DEC) sent a letter to Dick Benton explaining that the State is in control of the Mill Pond Dam. The water level now is the same as the dam so no water is going out. The Game Warden put the boards back. Monday we took the boards back out. We got another letter from Julie Moore strongly suggesting we leave the boards alone. The lake is clearer now 48 hours later. We intend to put the boards back tomorrow. Dick B suggests the SB get with the State to get more control. Peter M thanked Dick for his passion and efforts, but said the SB cannot condone activity that is contrary to the State's position.

Ed R said that Perry Thomas (State Lake and Ponds Div) said that a draw down of more than six inches is not good. Dick B said last year someone stole the boards and the lake was cleaner. Debbie Bushey from Hammond Shore is a LCCA member and a resident of Franklin. She lost a sale of their property due to the algae. Karen Cangelosi from Shore Road had questions about the weed harvester use. Why aren't these public meetings videotaped and broadcast for the public to view? Peter M said Franklin does not have Comcast, but the SB will look in to this. Bob Evans said the LCCA wants the SB to be available for the State legislative visits. Dan Larivee had a question about the culverts on the Dewing Road. Joe Craig is interested in the weed harvester job.

APPROVE MINUTES FOR AUGUST 16TH AND AUGUST 31, 2017

Yvon D/Brooks S made a motion to accept the August 16th minutes as presented. No discussion. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

Andy Godin arrived at 7:00 pm.

Brooks S/Yvon D made a motion to accept the August 31st meeting with Chris Stark. No discussion, vote taken, two abstained, motion carried.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Move water spigot from the Fire Station to the Highway Garage – Ed R said there is the issue of the private Road. Peter M said more people would be going up to the garage. Jeremy suggested a filter at the garage or maybe bottled water.

Salt contract – Lisa L(Town Clerk is present) Cargill offered two options. Franklin uses regular salt now. The other option is for salt that melts ice at a lower temperature. Quote was for \$71.10 per ton (last year's quote was \$80.79) for regular salt. American Rock salt quoted \$84.83 per ton for regular salt. Peter M said this would be taken up at the next meeting.

Watershed letter - cleaning of beach issue.

There is a letter from Peter Benevento of the Watershed Committee dated September 3, 2017 concerning the weed whacking of the beach area where some vegetation had been planted. A person doing Community Service accidentally weed whacked the plants. Peter M said things may grow back. We will see in the spring what happens.

Dave Bennion spoke about the lock at the Town Hall. He has finished repairing it. The dehumidifier needs to be emptied two or more times a day. He suggests mounting it on the back wall and run a line so no one needs to empty it regularly. All SB members were in agreement. Peter M asked how the painting was going. When the lift was here for one day about half of the back got done. The ladder was not long enough. It may not get finished this year. Peter M explained the light issue.

Jeremy Barnum said half of the sand is left to be purchased. Rice Hill Road shoulders are too high and need to be addressed. Peter M said the Quarry stone agreement needed for the State has to be drafted. Jeremy will work on this. SB members asked questions about some of the culvert work.

LIBRARY - JEFF TEITELBAUM - LIBRARY TRUSTEE

The Library Trustees are developing a three year strategic plan and are looking for input and suggestions. Brooks S suggested more books on CD; maybe more book clubs. Peter M suggested they work closely with the newly formed Rec Committee. Ed R would like to see someone develop a History of Lake Carmi for all. Sandi M suggested they work out a plan to visit the Carriage House residents regularly to see if books or magazines would be of interest to them. Jeff T thanked everyone for their suggestions and the SB for their time.

ACT 46 PETITION - JAY DENAULT

Jay D explained the Act 46 amendments. Franklin is described as a geographically isolated school on the list from 2010. We can claim to be exempt from Act 46. Attorney Paul Gilles drafted the petition. (There is a vote on November 7th, 2017.) Jay D is requesting the petition be voted on prior to the November 7th, 2017. Peter M suggested the SB get on the next School Board agenda. Lisa L will check with the school board. Jay D also mentioned the latest engineer study for the MVU structures stating that approximately \$9,383,000.worth of repairs are needed.

TOWN CLERK CONCERNS

- Mill Pond dam memo from the State of Vermont. Lisa explained the memo and referred to the October 2016 inspection report. Peter agreed the SB should look into asking the Legislature for funding. It was suggested to invite Perry Thomas to a SB meeting or the SB can pose questions via a letter.
- ANR public notice of Municipal Road general permits - meetings are being held around the state. The closest one to us in Johnson, VT on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 2-4:00 pm..
- Town's Garage Sale - the LCAA will organize it and hold it on July 14th, 2018.
- Ecosystem Grant - Lisa explained what this can be used for.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR - VIOLATIONS ENFORCEMENT

The ZA is not present due to illness. He provided a summary of current violations and stated that legal follow through may be required. He wants the SB to be aware there may be legal fees.

REVIEW AND SIGN BILLS

All SB members reviewed and signed off on the bills.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- Complaint on Gallup Road - there is a lot of loud noise at the Alder Run shooting Range. Someone suggested maybe they were shooting outside instead of inside the shooting range. A letter will be sent to Alder Run gun shop reminding them of the conditions of their Permit.
- There is a deicing conference on September 29th, 2017. The Highway crew will be asked to attend.

SELECTBOARD FOLDER

There is a letter from the Rodgers asking questions about the weed harvester. The Selectboard will respond. SB members looked through the folder.

MEMBER CONCERNS

Andy G - mentioned many towns are doing 10 hour days for the road crews.

Brook S - It was suggested to have volunteers run the weed harvester next summer.

Ed R - Aerators can be tried on the Lake to deal with the smell and condition.

Yvon D - Dave Bennion should be thanked for all he is doing at the Town Hall.

Peter M - the stone quarry lease needs to be drafted and the Park and Ride agreement needs to be discussed with the Homestead Board.

Brook S/Ed R made a motion to adjourn at 9:37 p.m.. All in Favor. Motion carried.

Next selectboard meeting will be October 4th at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Clerk's Office.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Sandi Murphy, minute taker

Sept 25, 2017

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

These minutes were approved at the Oct 4, 2017 Selectboard meeting.