



**Frenchville Board of Selectman & Budget Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Frenchville Town Office  
Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 6:30 P.M.**

**BOS Present:** John Ezzy, Craig Lawrence, Jamie Voisine, Yvon Dube, Ryan E. Pelletier.

**Budget Comm. Present:** Jeremy Pelletier, Gary Paradis, Vernon Labbe, Kevin Lavoie

**Others:** Mike Cyr, Eric Blanchette, Anne Ezzy, Danna Ayotte.

1. **Call meeting to order:** The meeting was called to order by John Ezzy at 6:30 PM.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. **Public Comment Period:**

**Time Opened: 6:30 pm    Time Closed: 6:45 pm**

John Ezzy, as a Frenchville citizen, made a request to the BOS. There is a bill in legislature to make Pelletier Road a public road. There are different ways to make this road a public way. One of them being to get action from the legislature which if the community supports would not cost anything to the town. Other way is by Eminent Domain or Prescriptive Easement which would involve lawyers, could take a year and cost the town \$8,000-\$12,000. Response from Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Dube was that making that move would be wrong. This situation is involved in a legal action and taking this step could affect the case.

4. **Minutes of January 17, 2017:** Motion to approve minutes by Yvon Dube; seconded by Craig Lawrence. All in favor. Motion carries.

5. Warrants, expenses, and payroll: Warrants were signed and reviewed.

Warrant Batch Date	A/P	Payroll
1/19/2017		4
1/20/2017	98 (2016)	
1/20/2017		99A (2016)
1/20/2017	99B (2017)	
1/26/2017		5
1/31/2017	6	
2/2/2017	7	

6. New Business:

A. **Expert Witness:** Mike Cyr, Northern Maine Surveyor, was available to answer questions in order for the BOS to make a decision to hire Mike as an expert witness for the Ouellette/Pelletier Road legal case. The town's attorney, Richard Currier, advised the town manager over the telephone this afternoon that he recommended an executive session for the discussion with the case witness. He also stated that the BOS could not ask Mr. Ezzy to remove himself from the discussion but that Mr. Ezzy should "in good faith" volunteer to excuse himself from the discussion. The BOS decided to keep the discussion open.

Mr. Cyr informed the BOS that there are two ways to declare a road public:

1. Fee-owning the "earth" of the way.
2. Easement- no ownership of the way but rights to it.

The proposal from Mr. Cyr requested a 30 hour contract to start the research. He

explained what and where he would be researching.

A motion was made by Jamie Voisine with approval of recommendation from the town's attorney, to hire Mike Cyr to do Phase One of his proposal; seconded by Craig Lawrence. All in favor. Motion carries.

7. Old Business:

A. **Review and Approve 2017 Budget:** The BOS and Budget Committee both agreed to approve the 2017 Budget presented with the following amendments:

- Request to do more research on Ambulance Service and Madawaska's offer with the possibility of having them come to a future meeting to make a presentation. They agreed to approve the budget anyway since the amount presented is a maximum budget amount and if changed will be lower.

BOS: Motion by Craig Lawrence to approve with above amendments; seconded by Jamie Voisine. All in favor. Motion carries.

Budget: Motion by Vernon Labbe to approve with above amendments; seconded by Kevin Lavoie. All in favor. Motion carries.

B. **Review and Approve March 21 Town Meeting Warrant:** BOS and Budget Committee approved the warrant with some amendments.

- CORRECTION: Health Officer's term is expiring this year. This was an oversight on the Town Clerk. (My apologies to the Town Manager.) I will add this item to the Warrant.
- Amendment to Planning Committee terms from Three to Two years. Motion to approve with amendment made by Craig Lawrence; seconded by Yvon Dube. All in favor. Motion carries.
- Article #4: BOS: Motion to approve made by Craig Lawrence; seconded by Yvon Dube. Budget: Motion made to approve by Vernon Labbe; seconded by Kevin Lavoie. All in favor. Motion carries.
- Articles 5 through 14 were all approved with Budget above.
- Article #15: BOS: Motion to approve made by Craig Lawrence; seconded by Jamie Voisine. Budget: Motion made to approve by Gary Paradis; seconded by Vernon Labbe. All in favor. Motion carries.
- Article #16: BOS: Motion to approve made by Craig Lawrence; seconded by Jamie Voisine. Budget: Motion made to approve by Vernon Labbe; seconded by Gary Paradis. All in favor. Motion carries.
- Article #17: BOS: Motion to approve made by Craig Lawrence; seconded by Jamie Voisine. Budget: Motion made to approve by Kevin Lavoie; seconded by Gary Paradis. All in favor. Motion carries.
- Article #18: BOS: Motion to approve made by Craig Lawrence; seconded by Jamie Voisine. Budget: Motion made to approve by Vernon Labbe; seconded by Kevin Lavoie. All in favor. Motion carries.
- Article #19: BOS: Motion by Craig Lawrence to approve amended Article and prior Sewer Budget to add \$11,500 for the Sewer fencing to the Sewer Department Budget and take the remaining amount needed from the Sewer Buy-in funds; seconded by Jamie Voisine. Budget: Motion made by Kevin Lavoie; seconded by Vernon Labbe. All in favor. Motion carries.
- Article #20: BOS: Motion to approve made by Craig Lawrence; seconded by Jamie Voisine. Budget: Motion made to approve by Vernon Labbe; seconded by Gary Paradis. All in favor. Motion carries.

- Article #21: BOS: Motion to approve made by Jamie Voisine; seconded by Craig Lawrence. Budget: Motion made to approve by Jeremy Pelletier; seconded by Gary Paradis. All in favor. Motion carries.
- Article #22: BOS: Motion to approve made by Jamie Voisine; seconded by Craig Lawrence. Budget: Motion made to approve by Gary Paradis; seconded by Kevin Lavoie. All in favor. Motion carries.
- Article #23: BOS: Motion to approve made by Jamie Voisine; seconded by Craig Lawrence. All in favor. Motion carries.
- Article #24: BOS: Motion to approve amended Article to change repairing and maintaining public roads to repayment of road made by Craig Lawrence; seconded by Jamie Voisine. All in favor. Motion carries.
- Article #25: Request by Town Manager to change discount deadline from July to August because past two years the bills haven't been mailed to taxpayers until mid July. And, change the Interest date from December 1 to December 31. BOS: Motion to approve with above changes made by Jamie Voisine; seconded by Craig Lawrence. Budget: Motion made to approve by Vernon Labbe; seconded by Kevin Lavoie. All in favor. Motion carries.
- Article #26: Request by Town Manager to change the Interest rate for abated taxes and sewer to 7%. BOS: Motion to approve with requested change made by Craig Lawrence; seconded by Yvon Dube. Budget: Motion made to approve by Jeremy Pelletier; seconded by Kevin Lavoie. All in favor. Motion carries.
- Article #27: BOS: Motion to approve made by Craig Lawrence; seconded by Yvon Dube. All in favor. Motion carries.
- Article #28: BOS: Motion to approve made by Craig Lawrence; seconded by Yvon Dube. All in favor. Motion carries.
- Article #29: BOS: Motion to approve made by Craig Lawrence; seconded by Yvon Dube. All in favor. Motion carries.
- Article #30: BOS: Motion to approve made by Jamie Voisine; seconded by Yvon Dube. All in favor. Motion carries.
- Article #31: BOS: Motion to approve made by Yvon Dube; seconded by Craig Lawrence. Budget: Motion made to approve by Vernon Labbe; seconded by Kevin Lavoie. All in favor. Motion carries.
- Article #32: BOS: Motion to approve made by Craig Lawrence; seconded by Yvon Dube. Budget: Motion made to approve by Jeremy Pelletier; seconded by Vernon Labbe. All in favor. Motion carries.
- Article #33: BOS: Motion to approve made by Craig Lawrence; seconded by Yvon Dube. Budget: Motion made to approve by Jeremy Pelletier; seconded by Kevin Lavoie. All in favor. Motion carries.
- Article #34: BOS: Motion to approve made by Jamie Voisine; seconded by Craig Lawrence. All in favor. Motion carries.
- Article #35: BOS: Motion to approve made by Craig Lawrence; seconded by Yvon Dube. Budget: Motion made to approve by Gary Paradis; seconded by Jeremy Pelletier. All in favor. Motion carries.

- Article #36: BOS: Motion to approve made by Jamie Voisine; seconded by Craig Lawrence. Budget: Motion made to approve by Kevin Lavoie; seconded by Jeremy Pelletier. All in favor. Motion carries.
- Article #37: BOS: Motion to approve made by Jamie Voisine; seconded by Yvon Dube. Budget: Motion made to approve by Kevin Lavoie; seconded by Jeremy Pelletier. All in favor. Motion carries.
- Article #38: BOS: Motion to approve made by Craig Lawrence; seconded by Yvon Dube. Budget: Motion made to approve by Vernon Labbe; seconded by Kevin Lavoie. All in favor. Motion carries.

#### 8. Other Business:

- Municipal Quitclaim Deed: BOS signed to transfer a foreclosure property back to the owner since the 2014 real estate tax bill has been paid in full.
- BYOB Permits: BOS signed 5 copies of the revised BYOB Permit applications.
- Tri-County Education Meeting: Jamie Voisine informed the BOS and others present that there is a very important Tri-County Education meeting at the Community Center on Thursday night. Anyone who is available should attend.
- Long Term Planning: The Town Manager, Ryan E. Pelletier, asked the BOS and Budget Committee if a committee should be created to meet and gather ideas for future improvements and goals for the town. The group agreed that the Planning Committee should be the committee involved in such discussions along with department heads. Mr. Pelletier will schedule a meeting in the near future.
- Sewer Committee: The above discussion continued into also creating a committee to discuss the sewer issues. A motion was made by Craig Lawrence to create a Sewer Committee with one BOS member, one Budget Committee member and one Planning Board member; Jamie Voisine seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carries.  
Creation of the Sewer Committee followed. Motion was made by Jamie Voisine to appoint:
  1. Craig Lawrence will represent the BOS since he has been involved with the sewer situations in the past.
  2. Kevin Lavoie will represent the Planning Board.
  3. Vernon Labbe will represent the Budget Committee.

#### 9. Next Meeting:

Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the Frenchville Town Office.

10. Adjourn: A motion was made by Craig Lawrence to adjourn, seconded by Yvon Dube at 8:40 pm. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**Tabled Items:**

1. Farmer's Market Agreement.
2. Denver Avenue Easement- until spring 2017.
3. Revaluation for 2017.
4. Budget Adjustments for Sewer Pipe Break & Dumb Waiter.