

**Board of Selectmen Meeting
May 6, 2014 Minutes
Frenchville Town Office at 6:30 p.m.**

Present: Percy Thibeault, Andrew McQuarrie, Clarence Roy

Others: John Davis, Eric Blanchette, Bob Dionne, Kelsie Cyr

1. **Call meeting to order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Percy Thibeault at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Minutes of April 22, 2014:** A motion was made by Andrew McQuarrie, seconded by Clarence Roy to accept the minutes of the April 22, 2014. All in favor. APPROVED
3. **Item to be signed:**
 - A. **Warrants, expenses and payroll:** The following A/P and Payroll warrants were approved and signed by the board

Warrant Batch Date	A/P#	Payroll#
April 23, 2014		32
April 25, 2014	33	
April 30, 2014		34

4. **Articles taken out of order:** There were no articles taken out of order.
5. **Reports and/PR correspondence:**
 - A. **Angel Flight-**The Town Manager corrected his explanation of the request from Angel Flight from the last meeting. The wish of Angel Flight is to auction off a certificate at the silent auction with the highest bidder receiving a one-time, 25% discount of the price of the rental fee of the Community Center. The Board approved this consensus.

6. Public Participation:

- **Bob Dionne- Address Board about junk yard rules/regulations**
Time Opened 6:35 p.m. Time Closed 6.51p.m.

Frenchville resident Bob Dionne expressed his concerns about why he has not been issued a permit to operate his junk yard for the couple years and why others residents are not required to get a permit when in his opinion they should come under the same guidelines as he does. Percy Thibeault explained to him that each year there has to be a public hearing that allows any Frenchville resident the opportunity to speak in favor or opposition of the permit. The manager will see that the request for the permit will property advertised and a public hearing will be held on June 5, 2014. Percy also informed Mr. Dionne that the Code Enforcement Officer to look into the rest of the properties that may qualify as junk yards and assured Mr. Dionne that these people will either have to be licensed or clean-up their estates.

7. New Business

- A. World Acadian Congress:** The Town Manager brought the Board up to date on the status of the “tripling” of communities as one part of the World Acadian Congress. Frenchville has been partnered with Grand Falls and Termiscouata and officials from those municipalities will be visiting Frenchville on Wednesday May 14, 2014. The Town Manager and Selectmen will entertain them by visiting various business and tourists attractions in Frenchville.

8. Unfinished Business

- A. Sewer Project:** The Town Manager and Public Works Director Eric Blanchette apprised the Board of the costs that the town has acquired since the Sewer Project with St. Agatha became operational in August or September of 2013. These costs are well in excess of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) and the town believes that the expenses should be the responsibility of Woodard and Curran since the project is still under warrantee. John Davis was instructed to contact Nick Archer of the DEP to set up a meeting with the parties involved in the project to get this matter settled before the warrantee expires in September of 2014. A motion was made by Andrew McQuarrie, seconded by Clarence Roy, to take Money from the Sewer buy-in account to pay those expenses. All in favor.
APPROVED.
- B. Associated cost:** A motion was made by Andrew McQuarrie, seconded by Clarence Roy, to approve the payment of the sewer overtime hours. All in favor.
APPROVED.

If the funds originally come out of the Sewer Dept. budget, the Board agreed to put those funds back into the Sewer budget if Sewer buy-in is used or if the Board is successful in its attempt to get the bill paid out of the Project contingency funds.

9. Other Business:

A. Bids for paving Nelson Avenue

The following Bids were:

1. Lane Construction- \$43,968
2. Caron and Soil Paving- \$43,840
3. Robbie Morin Paving- \$43,756.80
4. Northern Paving, Inc.-46,848
5. Trombley Industries- 36,445

- A motion was made by Clarence Roy, second by Andrew McQuarrie to award the lowest bidder, Trombley Industries, the bid. All in favor. APPROVED.
There was some discussion about how money the town will receive from the State for local road maintenance and how much money was in the local roads reserve fund. The Town Manager will research this.

B. Public Works Monthly Report

Eric Blanchette updated the Board on the road conditions throughout the Town.

A couple of weeks ago, some culverts were washed out and Church Avenue. The one on Church Avenue will need some paving to replace a piece of the road that was destroyed due to heavy rains. A problem with beaver damming up a culvert on Gagnon Avenue caused a washout that required replacing two culverts. Eric has contacted Ron Picard to take care of this issue.

C. The Board was not in favor of allowing employees to purchase gravel from Public Works for private use.

D. Ed Latham Turn-around

The Town of Frenchville constructed a turn around on a piece of property owned by Ed Latham in return for plowing and maintaining the section of road leading to this piece of property. The cost of the property was approximately \$6,000, \$1,000 of which the town expected Mr. Latham to provide. Claims that he did not agree to pay any of the cost. The Board wants to have Ed Latham present at the June 5, 2014 meeting to further discuss the details of the agreement and whether or not a signing an easement make sense. John Davis will contact Mr. Latham and try to work out a payment plan in the mean time.

E. Letter from ATV Club

The Town manager had drafted a letter for the Board's approval to allow All ATV to pass on Paradis Avenue and on US Route 1 from Denver Avenue to Felix Avenue.

A motion was made by Andrew McQuarrie, seconded by Clarence Roy, to approve the letter. All in favor. APPROVED.

10. Future Meeting Dates

The following regular meeting will be held on

May 20th, 2014 at the Frenchville Town Office at 6:30p.m.

- 11. Adjourn** A motion was made by Andrew McQuarrie, seconded by Clarence Roy to Adjourn at 8:30p.m. All in favor. APPROVED.

Board Tabled Items:

1. Historical Society
2. Gagnon Bridge
3. Sewer Ordinance
4. Bob Dionne- Junk Yard
5. Ed Latham-Turn around

Agenda Items for Special Town Meeting:

1. Marijuana Ordinance
2. Nelson St. Paving
3. Gagnon Bridge
4. Pelletier Avenue Road Improvement