



**Frenchville Board of Selectman Meeting Minutes**  
**Frenchville Town Office**  
**Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 6:30 P.M.**

**BOS Present:** John Ezzy, Daniel Collin, Jamie Voisine, Yvon Dube, Ryan E. Pelletier.

**Others:** Peter Parent, Gary Paradis, Kevin Lavoie, Ryan D. Pelletier, Eric Blanchette,  
 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: 6:31 pm Time Closed: 6:31 pm
4. **Minutes of January 31, 2017 and February 7, 2017:** Motion to approve minutes by Daniel Collin; seconded by Jamie Voisine. All in favor. Motion carries.
5. **Warrants signed and approved:**

WARRANT DATE	ACCT PAYABLE	PAYROLL
2/9/17		8
2/10/17	9	
2/16/17		10

## 6. New Business:

A. **Madawaska Ambulance Service Presentation:** Ryan D. Pelletier, Madawaska Town Manager was present to answer questions regarding the Madawaska Ambulance proposal. Madawaska currently has two ambulances with two employees always on shift. Effective, July 1, 2017 there will be two people still on shift plus two others on call. Madawaska Ambulance came to Frenchville 5 or 6 times last year. Just as ASI also assisted Madawaska 5 or 6 times. He stated that they are not looking for more business but is offering another option for local towns. He believes ASI is wearing down and probably won't be in business much longer. The cost for ambulance service in Madawaska is estimated at \$500,000 and about half gets reimbursed by insurance fees collected so cost to Madawaska is about \$250,000 per year. Billing is contracted out. They have about 5% uncollectable calls. Ambulance service for our area will eventually need to be discussed with the possibility of creating a regional corporation like VRF with a Board of Directors created with town selectmen.

Per Kevin Lavoie, if numerous towns don't use ASI service they will go down even faster. Concerned that if ASI goes down what would we do for urgent care. Example urgent transfer to Bangor.

BOS concerns:

- Uncollectable amounts should not be town's responsibility.
- Will Madawaska do transfers.
- Number of calls for 2016: 50 vs 92- is the difference due to transfers
- Possibility of splitting the service in half between ASI and Madawaska.
- Good idea to set up meeting with St. Agatha to see if they are leaning towards ASI or Madawaska. Funds requested from ASI could be effected if one town is excluded. If one on one meeting is setup, John Ezzy has interest in meeting one of St Agatha's board members. More discussion regarding possibility of both boards meeting to discuss. Item tabled until Ryan sets up two towns to meet and discuss.

## B. Open Bids for 2018 Plow Truck:

ENVELOPE #	DEALER	MAKE	SELLING PRICE	TRADE IN OFFER
Bid #1	Freightliner of Maine	Freightliner	\$185,069.42	\$17,500.00
Bid #2	Freightliner of Maine	Western Star	\$187,528.28	\$17,500.00
Bid #3	Daigle & Houghton	Western Star	\$187,751.00	\$24,000.00

Motion made by Jamie Voisine to recommend Bid #3 at the Annual Town Meeting; seconded by Daniel Collin. All in favor. Motion carried.

- C. **Ordinance Prohibiting Retail Marijuana Establishments & Social Clubs:** Discussion regarding ordinance varied. Concerns regarding preventing farming marijuana could create jobs for the town. Could also provide tax income to the town. Motion by Daniel Collin to create article to have towns people vote to allow or prohibit marijuana establishments and vote is to allow then have a second vote on if the towns people want the town to regulate these establishments. Yvon Dube seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carries.
- D. **Selectman Recall Ordinance:** Town Manager requested another article on the town warrant to establish a Selectman Recall/Removal Ordinance. Motion made by Jamie Voisine to not include this ordinance on the town warrant; Daniel Collin seconded the motion. 3 in favor. 1 opposed. Motion carries.

## 7. Old Business:

- A. **2017 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Final Review:** Discussion regarding changes Town Manager and Town Clerk made to the warrant since the last meeting:
- Article #3: Motion to approve as amended made by Daniel Collin; seconded by Yvon Dube. All in favor. Motion carries.
  - Article #16: Motion to approve as amended made by Yvon Dube; seconded by Jamie Voisine. All in favor. Motion carries.
  - Article #19: Motion to approve as amended made by Yvon Dube; seconded by Jamie Voisine. All in favor. Motion carries.
  - Article #25: Motion to approve as amended made by Yvon Dube; seconded by Jamie Voisine. All in favor. Motion carries.
  - Article #27: Motion to approve as amended made by Jamie Voisine; seconded by Daniel Collin. All in favor. Motion carries.
  - Article #31: Motion to approve as amended made by Daniel Collin; seconded by Jamie Voisine. All in favor. Motion carries.

## 8. Other Business:

- A. **Pumper Fire Truck:** Fire Pumper trucks available on bids. No cost to town except for transporting it here. Service life of trucks is usually 40 years. Mr. Parent went through list of truck inventory. Looking into FEMA grant. Federal website which Scott in Caribou can view and assist Mr. Parent. Daniel motion to authorize the Fire Chief to commit to get a pumper truck under the FEMA grant. Jamie Voisine seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

## 9. Next Meeting:

Tuesday, February 28, 2017 Sewer Committee Meeting.  
 Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the Frenchville Town Office.  
 Tuesday, March 21, 2017 Town Meeting at 7:00  
 at Frenchville Community Center.

10. **Adjourn:** A motion was made by Jamie Voisine to adjourn, seconded by Yvon Dube at 8:14 pm. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**Tabled Items:**

1. Farmer's Market Agreement.
2. Denver Avenue Easement- until spring 2017.
3. Revaluation for 2017.