



**Frenchville Board of Selectman Meeting Minutes**  
**Frenchville Town Office**  
**Tuesday, December 6, 2016 6:30 P.M.**

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

**Others:** Bob Ouellet, Lisa Nolan, Don Eno for BDN, 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 6:31 pm
4. **Minutes of November 15, 2016:** Motion to approve minutes by Jamie Voisine; 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
11/17/16		85
11/18/16	86	
11/23/16		87
12/1/16	88	
12/1/16		89

## 6. New Business:

- A. **Executive Session- Legal Road Issues:** Motion by Yvon Dube to move the legal subject to end of meeting; seconded by Daniel Collins. All in favor. Motion carries. Other item to be discussed during this item is John Ezzy's potential conflict of interest regarding Pelletier Road. Mr. Ezzy stated that he has nothing to hide and wanted this discussion to not be in executive session and to discuss this during open meeting. Some members of the BOS had concerns regarding discussing the legal case with Mr. Ezzy in the room because he lives on the road and stands to profit from the road being paved if he sells lots. Mr. Ezzy stated that the only lots available for development on this road are the lots he has offered to give away. The rest of the land is not possible to develop. Motion made by Daniel Collins that John Ezzy should not be involved in any discussions which involve the legal case for Pelletier Road which is the town attorney's advice that he not be present; seconded by Craig Lawrence. 2 opposed. 3 in favor. Motion carries.
- B. **Executive Session - Poverty Abatement & Foreclosure.**
- I. **Poverty Abatement:** Motion by Jamie Voisine to go into executive session with property owner with request for Poverty Abatement; seconded by Craig Lawrence. All in favor. Motion carries. BOS went into executive session at 6:55 to 7:16 with property owner regarding request for Tax Poverty Abatement. Motion by Daniel Collins to abate interest on taxes for 2014 only for Account#837 with stipulation of a payment received by January 15 for a minimum amount of \$491.75; seconded by Yvon Dube. One abstained. Four others in favor. Motion carries.
  - II. **Foreclosure:** Motion made by Craig Lawrence to put Elmer Landry property out on bids with a minimum bid of \$5500; seconded by Yvon Dube. All in favor. Motion carries.
- C. **Junkyard Update** - DEP came on Wednesday, November 30 regarding two junkyard applications for CL Roy & Son and Calvin Ouellette. Inspections were completed for both junkyards. There were no concerns. Motion made by Jamie Voisine to approve both applications, process permits and collect fees; seconded by Yvon Dube. All in favor. Motion Carries.
- Other concerns are the two junkyards who refused to apply which are Gilman Hebert and D Garage/Donald Beaulieu. Recommendation by Bob Ouellet, Code Enforcement Officer, is to contact our attorney regarding sending a letter with violation code and give deadline to clean up sites. Past letters will be used in our defense if needed.
- Motion by Jamie Voisine to give Gilman Hebert a deadline of June 1, 2017 to have site cleaned up or BOS will have to pursue legal action as recommended by Mr. Ouellet; seconded by Craig Lawrence. All in favor. Motion carries.

- Motion by Jamie Voisine to give Donald Beaulieu a deadline of June 1, 2017 to have site cleaned up or BOS will have to pursue legal action as recommended by Mr. Ouellet; seconded by Craig Lawrence. One abstained. Four others in favor. Motion carries.
- D. **Fire Chief Application Review:** Letters were sent by Danna Ayotte, the Town Clerk, to all volunteer Firemen requesting a letter of application if interested in applying for Fire Chief opening. Deadline was December 2. No response from any of the 18 Firemen. Motion made by Yvon Dube to request all Captains and the present Fire Chief to come meet with BOS at the next BOS meeting; seconded by Craig Lawrence. All in favor. Motion carries.
- E. **Community Center Fire Marshal Citations:** The Town Clerk, Danna Ayotte, was contacted by the Fire Marshal's Office who stated that the Frenchville Community Center had never been licensed by the Fire Marshal's Office since it was built in 1988. An application was processed immediately to correct the issue. An inspection needed to be done before the permit was issued. This inspection found 14 Violations with an estimated \$20,000+ of improvements needing to be done to the building to pass inspection. Town Manager, Ryan E. Pelletier, has requested a six month extension to allow time for the improvements to be done. He has not received word yet on whether his request is approved. More information to come at future meetings.
- F. **Grant Meeting with Department Heads:** A meeting was held on Monday, November 21 with Donald Lebel, Grant Writer. Present were: Ryan E. Pelletier, Eric Blanchette, Steven Young, Danna Ayotte, John Raymond, Jamie Voisine, Jeremy Pelletier, Laura Pelletier and Danny Pelletier. It was a very informative meeting and many ideas and requests were made to Mr. Lebel.
- G. **Update on Loan Payoffs:** The Town Manager wanted to inform the BOS that two loans were paid in full in November which will provide over \$30,000 of available funds for next year's debt service.
- H. **Update on Financials:** Financials show that budget is in good shape. More research to be done on the Sewer Department accounts.
- I. **Update on Maine Revenue Audit:** On 11/29/16, a BETE and BETER Audit was done. A few mistakes were found which were miscalculations by the Tax Assessor. The Town Manager, Ryan E. Pelletier, was taught what to look out for and will be more prepared to review the Tax Assessor's work next time he comes in.
- J. **Marijuana Ordinance:** Options were given to the BOS to discuss if they want to smoke shops to come into town since the marijuana law passed in November. A motion was made by Jamie Voisine to make a Moratorium following MMA's guideline and example for a six month period effective immediately; seconded by Craig Lawrence. All in favor. Motion carries.
7. **Unfinished Business:**
- A. **Skating Rink Update:** The new skating rink is completed. Both Jamie Voisine and Ryan E. Pelletier are very happy with it. Jamie recommended that once

it's flooded and the ice is ready, he would like to plan an Open House to encourage people to come see the work that has been done. He has ordered new speakers and two helmets with the extra funds available from the Recreation Department expense accounts.

**8. Other Business:**

**A. Denver Avenue Update:** Clarence Roy as asked to delay the preparing of Easements to transfer Denver Avenue to the town until spring of 2017. This item will be tabled until Mr. Roy contacts the Town Manager to proceed.

**B. Laptops/Netbooks:** Daniel Collins made a motion that the town purchase laptops or netbooks for the BOS to use for emails received for town subjects such as meeting agenda and minutes. New email accounts will be created for each BOS to protect their home computers and personal emails. Craig Lawrence seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carries.

**C. Freedom of Access:** John Ezzy has an issue with the vote made on November 1 regarding the students coming in to record the board meetings. He stated that the students have a lot to gain from recording the meetings. It's good experience for them. John Ezzy made a motion for the Town Manager to send a letter to the school inviting them back; Daniel Collins seconded the motion. 1 opposed. 4 in favor. Motion carries.

**D. TIFF:** John Ezzy wants the BOS to consider a TIFF since we have a business requesting. He stated that the issue is because the TIFF was not well presented. We should get more information regarding TIFF and how a Town reevaluation would affect a TIFF. The Town Manager will get more information.

**E. Pelletier Road Plowing:** Yvon Dube felt that there was a miscommunication. He wants to clarify that they voted on November 1 to not plow the road. Not to close the road. We need to work as a community. Discussion continued which brought up mutual aid with local towns. There is no mutual aid agreement with Madawaska or Fort Kent even though the Fire Department has assisted these towns in the past. There was a Mutual Aid Agreement made with St. Agatha many years ago. Yvon Dube stated that he wasn't sure if the Fire Department even knows where that agreement is located. A request was made to discuss this subject at the next meeting while the Fire Department Captains are present.

**9. Future Meeting Dates:** Discussion to move next meeting from Tuesday, December 20 to Monday, December 19 due to school concert. Clerk will post notice of change.

- **Monday, December 19, 2016 at 6:30 pm at the Frenchville Town Office.**

**10. Executive Session -Legal Case for Pelletier Road-** Motion made by Yvon Dube to go into executive session with John Ezzy excluded from the discussion; Daniel Collins seconded the motion. 8:43 pm to 9:11 pm.

**11. Adjourn:** A motion was made by Jamie Voisine to adjourn, seconded by Craig Lawrence at 9:16 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.