



Frenchville Board of Selectman Meeting Minutes
Frenchville Town Office
Tuesday, August 2, 2016 6:30 P.M.

Present: John Ezzy, Daniel Collin, Craig Lawrence, Yvon Dube, Jamie Voisine, Ryan Pelletier

Others: Gerard Raymond Jr, Jim Plourde, Bob Ouellet, Anne Ezzy, Eric Blanchette,
 Danna Ayotte

1. **Call meeting to order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, John Ezzy at 6:29 PM.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. **Public Comment Period:**
 Time Opened 6:40pm Time Closed 6:40pm
4. **Minutes of July 19, 2016:** Motion to approve minutes by Daniel Collin; seconded by Yvon Dube. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. **Warrants, expenses, and payroll:** Warrants were signed and reviewed.

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6. **Unfinished Business:**

A. Sewer Committee Update: Daniel Collin and Craig Lawrence updated the rest of the BOS regarding the meeting with Frenchville & St Agatha Sewer Committees held on July 20 to discuss mediation issues. Some of the topics discussed at that meeting were:

- The outstanding balance for 2014 still unpaid even though the amount is not being disputed.
- MOA not being understood correctly.
- Frenchville has the right to shut off valve to prevent overflow. It was made clear that this was not the option Frenchville wanted.
- Steve Young mentioned the O&M should not be Frenchville's responsibility.
- When mention of "Terminating the MOU" St. Agatha Select People walked out of the meeting. Even though it was said that this was not the option Frenchville wanted.

John Ezzy asked if he could request a meeting with St. Agatha's chairman, Beurmond Banville, in an attempt to make an agreement between the two town's chairmen. Dan Collin requested that the co-chairmen also be in the meeting if agreed upon by St. Agatha BOS.

A motion was made by Yvon Dube to have Chairman, John Ezzy request a meeting with St. Agatha's chairman and co-chairman pertaining to the sewer issue with a request that the meeting be held by the end of August to avoid any delays with the mediation process; Daniel Collin seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

7. New Business:

A. Road Project Update: Eric Blanchette, Public Works Supervisor, was available to update the BOS on the road project. The shoulders on Church Road are complete and reflectors have been applied to the road which completes the project for that road. The shoulders on Pelletier Avenue were being done this afternoon and should be completed by tomorrow afternoon. The groundwork on Starbarn Avenue should be completed by the end of next week and Lane Construction will be paving the first week of September. Pelletier gravel road is on hold due to pending law suit.

B. Code Issues and Updates: Bob Ouellet, Code Enforcement Officer was present to discuss the following:

- Gerard Raymond was present to discuss building issue on Main Street. Mr. Raymond was given until November 1 to remove the building which will allow him to finish his hay and make arrangements with CL Roy to remove chimney. Attempt will be made to have the project completed sooner if possible.
- Mr. Ouellet mentioned that other towns usually bring Article Amendments to the state's attention then bring them to the town meeting for voting by town's people. Would Frenchville like to start practicing this procedure? A motion was made by Jamie Voisine to leave procedure as is until mandated by the state; seconded by Yvon Dube. All in favor. Motion carried.

- Planning Boards in other towns meet more often to make decisions. It would make people aware of what is happening for town developments. Neighbors would be invited to discuss concerns. “In land use codes”.
- Should consider adopting Zoning Code. There are no guidelines to follow. BOS would like Mr. Ouellet to provide list of guidelines recommended. For example, if someone were to want to open a business in town.
- Mr. Ouellet also wanted to discuss junkyard permit issues which were never resolved. Laws apply to all towns people. BOS requested that Mr. Ouellet speak to people who have not completed their applications or completely cleaned up their property to find out their intention.
- Explanation of “junkyard” description and how the town handles the permits for new select people.
- Annual renewal of existing permits are due on September 30. Town Manager will be advertising. A motion was made by Jamie Voisine stating that the applicants will have until September 6 to respond to letter; seconded by Yvon Dube. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. Executive Session: The BOS went into executive session from 6:45 to 7:20.

D. Financial Update: Financial reports as of 8/1/2016 were provided to BOS and discussed. Adjustments were made after the new accountant came in but there are still items that need adjustments or to be explained. A request to have the accountant return to the office for a second meeting was discussed and will be arranged by the town clerk.

E. Maine Bond Bank Application: The Bond Application for the road project was submitted via email on July 30 by the town manager, Ryan E. Pelletier. BOS requested future emails include responses to questions being answered.

F. Handicap Bathroom: A letter was sent to Town of Madawaska regarding a request for the Handicap Bathroom available at the auction being held today, August 2. We have not received a reply yet.

8. Other Business:

A. Tax Bill Discount: The tax collector requested an extension for the 3% discount since the tax bills were mailed late and most of the taxpayers only received their bills on July 18. The BOS agreed that the taxpayers should have 30 days to pay which will be modified on next year’s warrant. A motion was made by Jamie Voisine to extend the 3% discount on taxes to August 18 pending that the town manager calls MMA to verify that the BOS can extend if date of July 31st was disclosed on the town warrant; seconded by Yvon Dube. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Abatement: Discussion regarding Sewer Non User fees on a property in which the building has been removed. An invoice will be mailed with letter explaining amount due is a Non User fee prorated from the date the building was removed to the end of the year. BOS asked the town manager to contact MMA regarding the sewer non user fees.

C. Grant Writer: BOS requested updated information from the town manager regarding if any grant applications were being processed since they met with Mr. David Wylie on June 7. They were disappointed to hear that there was not much communication and no applications pending. Comment made to revisit and discuss Madawaska's offer to hire their grant writer again at a future meeting.

9. Future Meeting Dates:

- **Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 6:30 pm at the Frenchville Town Office.**

10. Adjourn: A motion was made by Yvon Dube, seconded by Jamie Voisine to adjourn at 8:03 pm. All in favor. Motion Carried.