

Board of Selectmen Meeting July 1, 2014 Minutes Frenchville Town Office at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Camille Bernier, Percy Thibeault, Craig Lawrence, Andrew McQuarrie, Clarence Roy

Others: John Davis, John Raymond, Don Raymond

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Percy Thibeault at 6:30 p.m.
2. **The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**
3. **Minutes of June 17, 2014:** Camille Bernier name was inadvertently omitted as being present at the June 17th meeting. This omission was noted and corrected. A motion was made by Camille Bernier, seconded by Clarence Roy, to accept the minutes of June 17, 2014. All in favor. APPROVED.

4. **Items 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#
June 18, 2014		48
June 20, 2014	49	
June 25, 2014		50
June 27, 2014	51	

5. **Articles taken out of order:** There were no articles taken out of order.

6. **Public Participation:**

Time Opened 6:40 p.m. Time Closed 6:50 p.m.

John and Don Raymond did a slide show presentation on some pictures they had

taken at the Community Center softball field repair day that took place on Saturday,

June 28th. People of all ages showed up and painted the fence, dug outs, and

backstop. Sherwin Williams of Caribou donated over \$700 worth of paint and the Town of Frenchville will pick up the rest of the expenses. It was noted that the number of kids playing Little League has increased, and that the park is being used by more people. There is still some work that needs to be done, but the day was a complete success. The Board wished to thank all those who showed up and donated their time.

7. New Business:

A. The Board signed the new General Assistance (GA) Order. The Town Manager talked the amended monthly reimbursement form and the importance of the municipalities staying in compliance with Federal Law when administering GA. John Davis also discussed letters from the MMA and the Governor's office on what to do in respect to providing GA to illegal aliens. The Governor claims that a Federal Law passed in 1996 doesn't allow for aliens to receive GA benefits and as threatened that those forms that continue this practice will not be reimbursed by the State. Maine's attorney general believes that his law is unconstitutional and plans to challenge it.

8. Unfinished Business:

A. Sewer Report: The Town Manager went over the flow chart that WWTP operator Steve Young provided for him. The chart clearly indicates that St. Agatha still have some serious I/I problems as the flows for April and May is two to three time higher during the spring runoff season. The rain storm on June 24th reveals that the flow for the next two days increased at an alarming flow rate also. The odor problem around pump station#3 and in the homes of some residents are being investigated. St. Agatha is going to start chlorinating their sewage before sending it to Frenchville and Eric Blanchette will change a carbon filter at pump station#3 to help alleviate this problem. Frenchville

officials will be meeting with the DEP on Tuesday, July 8, at 1:30 p.m. to discuss and hopefully solve these and other issues.

B. Sewer Buy-in Funds: Steve St. Pierre was unable to attend the meeting but has assured the Manager that he will be able to meet with the Board soon and get this money invested and pay \$50,000 on the Rural Development loan.

C. Carlton Albert Restraining Order Amendment: The town's attorney brokered a deal between Town of Frenchville and Mr. Carlton Albert that allowed Carlton to attend the Planning Board on June 26, 2014, providing security was available to be at the meeting also. The conditions were met and the meeting went forward without a hitch.

D. Carlton Albert Court Fees: Mr. Albert owes the Town of Frenchville over \$2,200 in court fees as part of a judgment relating to proper facilities for sewage at his residence on Pelletier Ave. John Davis was instructed to find out if there is a lien on the property and to find out whose name the deed is in- Carlton or his brother Dan. The Town will then know who to pursue to cover the court fees. John will give Rick Currier a call about this also.

E. Softball Field Repair: This topic was discussed after the presentation of the Raymond brothers that was done earlier this evening. There was some discussion about how to fund this project. The Board felt that the Town should pay for the expenses for materials and meals that were not donated. Percy Thibeault inquired as to whether or not the Town should fund the project. A motion was made by Camille Bernier, seconded by Clarence Roy, to fund the project and use the Recreation Budget. All in favor. APPROVED.

F. Tax Commitment Forms: The Town Manager notified the Board that the necessary information has been emailed to Mike Parker and he will confirm that

the figures are correct and start mailing the 2014 tax bills. Percy Thibeault told the Selectmen that if anyone has a complaint about the tax rate, to tell them to the Town Office and fill out a complaint form and turn it in to the Town Manager.

G. Junk Yard Update: John Davis presented a letter to the Board that Bob Ouellette sent to Robert Dionne explaining that if he doesn't get his permit, he will have 30 days to pay the advertisement fees and get his permit or clean up his property of any junk, automobile, or scrap metals.

H. Hydrant Project: Public Works has loamed and seeded the area that was excavated and the project is now completed. Camille Bernier asked John Davis to check and see if the back side of the hydrant has been seeded as well.

I. Complaint Filing: The issue that Camille Bernier had with the Army Corps of Engineers hauling gravel over different roads has been settled to his satisfaction.

9. Other Business:

A. The Board is appreciative of the letter that Linda Ouellette wrote on behalf of the Town thanking Ben Jalbert for drawing the picture that Frenchville adopted for its logo and uses it on the Town's letterhead also. The logo was also used on the commemorative coins that the Town is selling as part of the World Acadian Congress. The Town also donated one of the coin to Mr. Jalbert as a token of appreciation for his efforts.

B. Election to MMA's Legislative Policy Committee: A motion was made by Guimond and Clarence Roy, seconded by Camille Bernier, to vote to elect Don Christina Therrien to represent the County on the Legislative Policy Committee. All in favor. APPROVED.

**There was a brief discussion on the RV dumping station that Clarence Roy wants

to locate at CL Roy and Sons off Route 1 in Frenchville. The Board will get a copy of his proposal and this issue will be discussed at the next Selectmen's meeting.

10. Future Meeting Date: The next regular meeting will be held on July 15th at 6:30 p.m. at the Frenchville Town Office.

11. Adjourn: A motion was made by Craig Lawrence, seconded by Andrew McQuarrie to adjourn at 7:45 p.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**
6. **Susan Hebert- Abatement**

Agenda Items for Special Town Meeting

1. **Marijuana Ordinance**
 2. **Nelson Street Paving**
 3. **Gagnon Bridge**
 4. **Pelletier Avenue Road improvement**
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