

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
March 6, 2014 Minutes
Frenchville Town Office at 6:30 p.m.
Dated Posted: March 2, 2014**

Present: Percy Thibeault, Camille Bernier, Clarence Roy (attended at 7:15 pm)

Others: John Davis, Jeremy Pelletier, Dan Pelletier, Gary Picard, Paul Gagnon, John Ezzy, Paul Bernier, Mike Martin, Eric Blanchette

Excused: Andrew McQuarrie

NOTE: At approximately 6:45 p.m. (before the Board had a quorum) Mike Martin from Key Investment Services, gave those in attendance a presentation on some of the different options for investing the sewer buy-in money. The Board will look this information over and decide what they want to do.

Public Works Director: Eric Blanchette, went over his monthly report which included an update on the state of the condition of the PW plow trucks. As this date (March 12), the entire fleet is in operation.

1. Call Meeting to Order: The meeting was called to order by Percy Thibeault at 7:20pm.

A. Minutes of February 18, 2014 meeting: A motion was made by Camille Bernier, Seconded by Clarence Roy to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2014 meeting. All in favor. APPROVED.

2. Items to be Signed:

A. Warrants, Expenses, & Payroll: The following A/P and Payroll warrants were approved and signed by the Board. The Town Manager (John Davis) gave the Board an update of the warrants.

Warrant Batch Date	A/P#	Payroll#
02/19/2014		14
02/21/2014	15	
02/26/2014		16
02/28/2014	17	

3. Articles Taken Out of Order: There were no articles taken out of order

4. Reported And/or Correspondence:

- A. Update on Public Works Equipment: Eric Blanchette had given the update before he had to excuse himself from the meeting.
- B. Budget Items: John Davis went over a couple of budget items that Budget Committee member, John Ezzy, had brought to his attention. The Budget entry for the actual total budget has been corrected, and John Davis will check with the former manager for explanation on the sewer loan.
- C. Email from Darren Woods on emergency plan for Acadian Congress: The Town has an emergency management plan in place already. Percy Thibeault informed the attendants at the meeting that the Frenchville Volunteer Fire Department will be involved as well as the State Police. He is also a sub-committee working on providing ambulance service. The Board was appreciative of Darren's offer and concern, and will have the manager contact him if the Town feels the need.
- D. Revenue Sharing Update: John Davis explained the contents of a letter he had received from Christopher Lockwood, Executive Director of the Maine Municipal Association in respect to revenue sharing. The bill to protect the Revenue Sharing Program (LD 1762), from any additional legislative raids for the next fiscal year (FY 2015) became law without the Governor's veto or signature. The bill will soon be given by Public Law Chapter number and formally recognized as Enacted Law.

5. Public Participation:

Time Opened 7:28 p.m. Timed Closed 7:20 p.m.

6. New Business: There was no new business at this time.**7. Unfinished Business:**

- A. Plowing private roads/driveways: Paul Gagnon, president of the Frenchville Snowmobile Club, informed the Board that numerous landowners will be closing off their land to the snowmobile and ATV Clubs due to the fact that the town has stopped plowing a landowner's driveway and will discontinue this practice after May 1, 2014.
Gary Picard offered that his Policy will divide the town and put a drag on the Board and the Town Manager also he is of the belief that nobody else is going to demand that their driveways be plowed if the Town continues to plow the ones that they have been plowing for years. Percy Thibeault explained that the issue is the insurance liability and that the Town will not be covered if damage or injury occurs when the Public Works Department is

Performing any know of work on private property. Percy also informed Gary that taxpayers would have a legal standing against the town for using public funds for private projects. This position is backed up by ruling hands down by the Maine Supreme Court in 1989. A packet of information with this ruling in it was handed out to all those in attendance. The Town Manager will look for quotes from other insurance companies beside the MMA.

- B. Sewer Project: The Town Manager informed the Board that there are still some pressing issues that need to be addressed with Woodard/Curran and the DEP before the warrantee runs out in September of 2014. The main concern is pump station #3 which the Town has recently found out should have been moved further off US Route 1 is part of the project. There is now a concern that Frenchville may get stuck with the bill for any new arrangements that maybe necessary. The Board wants to setup a meeting with the officials of Woodard/Curran and the DEP to get this straightened out. The Town Manager will try to set this up.
- C. Certificates of Deposit from sewer buy-in: This issue was discussed earlier in the evening.
- D. Abatement Request: A motion was made by Camille Bernier, seconded by Clarence Roy to table the abatement request by Susan Hebert indefinitely. All in favor. APPROVED.

8. Other Business:

- A. Number changes on Old Route 162: Percy Thibeault received the map from Augusta and recommended to the Board that the Town continue to use the old signs, and just drop the numbers to 1,3,5 on the right and, 2,4,6 on the left. A motion was made by Camille Bernier, seconded by Clarence Roy to go with the new numbers as designated. All in favor. APPROVED.
- B. Plowing snow on public way: Steve Deprey is having a problem with a neighbor plowing/piling snow in a manner that is make it dangerous for Steve to get out of his driveway and onto the main road. Percy Thibeault will have law enforcement look at this and if the snow in on the Town's right-of-way. This practice can be stopped.
- C. Steve Young- Quimby Grant: The Town has already approved of the creation of a wildlife habitat on a parcel of its land that Steve requested a few years ago. The Board approved of the manager allowing Steve to use the Town as a pass through for a grant from the Quimby Foundation. John Davis will find out from Steve which parcel of land his is referring to.

- D. Town Bids: The Board authorized Eric Blanchette to solicit bids for Town projects that are under \$3,000. Eric will send out requests to various contractors in the County to get cost per hour for different equipment to do the job will be awarded the bid.

 - E. Liquor License- Rosette's: The Board signed a liquor license for Rosette's Restaurant.

 - F. Acadian Congress: John Davis had attended a meeting with members of Acadian Congress on Thursday, March 6. One of the ideas discussed was the area towns having commemorative coins made up in anticipation of the Acadian Congress event to take place in Canada and Aroostook County in August of 2014. A motion was made by Clarence Roy, seconded by Camille Bernier, to allow \$500 to be taken from the misc. fund to help with the set-up costs and the price of the coins. All in favor. APPROVED.

 - G. Historical Society: Percy Thibeault updated the Board on the progress of the Historical Society Committee. He has met with Nate McGlaughlin of Woodard/Curran and Mark about the station building. The structure is not salvageable and the deeded over just yet. The recommendation is to let the Trust that owns it, take care of it. Frenchville would than try to build a replica in its place.
9. Future Meeting Dates: - The Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at the Community Center at 7:00 pm.
- The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, April 3, 2014 at the Frenchville Town Office.
10. Adjourn: A motion was made by Percy Thibeault, seconded by Clarence Roy, to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. All in favor. APPROVED.

BOARD TABLED ITEMS

- 1. Historical Society
- 2. Gagnon Bridge
- 3. Sewer Ordinance
- 4. Bob Dionne- Junk yard
- 5. Abatement