

**BOARD OF SELECTMENT MEETING
December 4, 2014 Minutes
FRENCHVILLE TOWN OFFICE AT 6:30PM**

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

Others: John Davis, Bob Ouellette, Gilman Hebert

1. **Call meeting to order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Percy Thibeault at 6:30 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. **Minutes of November 18, 2014:** Minutes of November 18, 2014, minutes of the workshop on November 22, 2014, and the minutes of the special Town meeting on November 25, 2014. A motion was made by Craig Lawrence, seconded by Camille Bernier, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting on November 18, 2014, the workshop on November 22, 2014, and the special town meeting on November 25, 2014. All in favor. APPROVED.
4. **Items to be Signed:**
 - A. **Warrants, expenses, and payroll-** The Board signed warrants # 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, and 100.
5. **Warrant Summary:** The Town Manager went over the Warrant Summary with the Board. There were no questions or concerns.
6. **Articles Taken out of Order:** There were no articles taken out of order.
7. **Reports and/or Correspondence:**
 - A. **Letter from Paradis family-** The Town Manager and the Board reviewed a thank you letter from the Paradis Family for letting them use the Community Center free of charge in August for a Family Reunion. This was done in the spirit of the Acadian Congress, and as a token of their appreciation. The Paradis Family donated \$200 to be deposited in the Community Center account.

8. Public Participation:

Time Opened_____ Time Closed_____

- Code Enforcement Officer, Bob Ouellette, reported to the Board on the condition of Gilman Hebert's property. He shared some pictures that he has taken and informed the Board that Mr. Hebert has done a good job of cleaning his yard. But still has some work to do. A motion was made by Craig Lawrence, seconded by Camille Bernier, to have Mr. Ouellette perform another site visit on May 31, 2015 to see that Mr. Hebert has finished cleaning his yard. All in favor. APPROVED.
- There was some discussion about Bruce Ouellette's property on Pelletier Avenue. A motion was made by Craig Lawrence, seconded by Camille Bernier, to take Mr. Ouellette recommendation and visit this property by May 31, 2015. All in favor. APPROVED.

9. New Business:

- A. **1986 single axle truck**-The Board agreed to put the 1986 single axle truck that the Public Works Department has been using as a backup plow truck and for various other purposes out for bid. The ad will go into the St. John Valley Times on December 16th and the closing date for to put in will be December 30th. The Board will publicly open the bids and announce the winner on January 6, 2015 at a regular Selectmen meeting.

10. Unfinished Business:

- A. **Snowplowing agreement**-The Town still needs to get two more snowplowing agreements with a couple of property owners.
- B. **Public hearing to discuss ambulance service**-The Selectmen want to see if St. Agatha is on Board with this. If so, Frenchville would like to hear the elected officials and Town Managers need to discuss this. A motion was made by Craig Lawrence, seconded by Camille Bernier to table this issue until we hear from the other Towns (St. Agatha, Sinclair). All in favor. (Craig Lawrence abstain)
- C. **Christmas Party**-The Town will hold its annual Christmas Party on December 18th at Rosette's Restaurant. Social hour will start at 5:30pm to be followed by a meal. Please contact Verna Cyr to let her know if will be attending, or not.
- D. **Letter from Jim Lavertu**-The Board discussed a letter from Rob Dionne's lawyer, Jim Lavertu, in reference to Rob's junk yard permit. The Selectmen directed the Town Manager to submit a letter to Mr. Lavertu expressing the conditions and that Rob will have to meet to receive a permit.

- E. **Tax Acquired Properties** -John Davis updated the Board on the status of the properties that the Town has acquired due to back taxes and sewer fees.
- F. **DOL extension**-The Town Manager informed the Board that the Department of Labor has given the Town another extension to get the violations corrected that was discovered in August of 2014 during a site inspection.
- G. **Sewer Project**-John Davis went over the email that he received from the Town Manager of St. Agatha. The Board wants Steve Young, the Frenchville's Waste Water Treatment operator, to start working on the spreadsheet that St. Agatha put together to try and determine flows and a cost for such flows. When this is completed, the Board will review with St. Agatha's Board and try to reach an agreement.
- H. **Signing Warrants**-The Town Manager is working on a motion for the Board to adopt that will make it legal for the Selectmen to sign the warrants before the bills are paid.

11. **Other Business:**

- A. **Status of Per Diem Employee**-John Davis enlightened the Board on the status of the per diem employee's injury.
- B. **Budget Update**-The preliminary hearing on the 2015 Budget will be on the agenda for the December 16th meeting. Employee wages and benefits will also be discussed on December 16th as well.
- C. **Town Manager Contract**- A motion was made by Camille Bernier, seconded by Craig Lawrence, to give the Town Manager a \$1,000 bonus, make him eligible for the Cost of Living increase in 2015, and to extend his contract for one year to January 1, 2016. All in favor. APPROVED.
- D. **Community Center Rent**-JJ Roy has approached the Town Manager for a decrease in the price to rent the Community Center. A motion was made by Clarence Roy, seconded by Craig Lawrence, to let Mr. Roy rent at the Community Center for \$400. All in favor. APPROVED.

12. **Future Meeting Dates**-The next regular meeting will be held on

December 16th, 2014 at the Frenchville Town Office.

13. **Adjourn**-A motion was made by Craig Lawrence, seconded by Camille Bernier, to adjourn at 8:35pm. 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 Meeting

1. Marijuana Ordinance
2. Gagnon Bridge