

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

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

Others: John Davis, Craig Lawrence

1. Call Meeting to Order: The meeting was called to order by Percy Thibeault at 6:30 p.m.

A. Minutes of January 21, 2014: A motion was made by Camille Bernier, seconded by Andrew McQuarrie, to accept the minutes of the January 21, 2014 Selectmen 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. John Davis provided the Selectmen with a brief synopsis of the major expenses of each warrant.

Warrant Batch Date	A/P#	Payroll#
1/22/2014		7
1/29/2014		8
1/31/2014	9	
2/5/2014		10
2/6/2014	11	

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

4. Reports and/or Correspondence:

A. Town Garage Energy Consumption- The Town Manager went over a report that Public Works Director Eric Blanchette put together. The report indicated that the reason fewer gallons of heating oil were used in 2009 was that was the year the new boiler was installed and an alternative heat was used during that period. There was some concern about using 3,526 gallons of fuel in 2012. The previous years of 2010 and 2011 used 2,565 and 2,734 respectively. In 2013, 2772 gallons were consumed. Eric Blanchette and John Davis will look into this further.

5. Public Participation:

Time Opened: 6:55 p.m. **Time Closed:** 7:10 p.m.

Craig Lawrence mentioned that there still appears to be some activity going on at the Turdel house in Frenchville. There was some discussion about getting the Code Enforcement Officer and possibly the Department of Environmental Protection involved. Mr. Lawrence said he is still interested in pursuing the petition that he submitted to the Board that would rescind the changes in the Town's ordinance and reinstate the language that forces anyone wanting to cultivate or dispense marijuana in Frenchville to be in compliance with Federal law. John Davis will contact the MMA legal department for advice. This issue will be on the February 18th agenda to decide if the Board wants this on the Town meeting agenda as a warrant article. A motion was made by Andrew McQuarrie, seconded by Camille Bernier to have the Trudel house inspected to see that the business is no longer in operation. All in favor. APPROVED.

6. New Business: There was no new business to report.

7. Unfinished Business:

A. Sign agreement with landowners to plow private driveways/roads

The Board signed agreements with Lloyd Paradis and Paul Gervais to allow the town to continue to push snow on their land and in return the Town of Frenchville Public Works Department will continue to keep their roads/driveways plowed and sanded. One provision of the agreement states that the landowners agree to hold the town and its contractors, sub contractors, agents, and employees harmless from and to remise, release, and forever discharge the town from any and all claims, demands, liabilities, actions, causes of actions, costs and expenses, including attorney's fees until the termination of the agreement. A motion was made by Camille Bernier, seconded by Andrew McQuarrie to enter into these agreements that have the approval of the insurance company and will benefit the tax payer. All in favor. APPROVED.

B. Contract with Power Product for Sewer Department.

The Town Manager informed the Board that the contract with Power Products to service the new generator for the Sewer Department will not be necessary. The Public Works Department is capable of servicing this in house.

C. Appoint two Selectmen to the Historical Society Sub Committee.

A motion was made by Camille Bernier, seconded by Clarence Roy, to appoint Percy Thibeault and Andrew McQuarrie to represent the Board and to agree to the appointment of the following member at the Historical Society to serve on this

subcommittee: Phil Levesque (Chair), Auiel Lavoie, Robert Bouchard, Mike Ouellette, and Steve Page. All in favor. APPROVED.

D. Gedeon Corriveau Dedication

The Board signed the resolve honoring Gedeon Corriveau for his 66 years as a volunteer fire fighter for the Town of Frenchville. This copy of the resolve will be entered into the Town's Annual Report which will be dedicated to Mr. Corriveau.

E. Aroostook County Sheriff Dispatching Service

The Board signed an agreement with the Aroostook County Sheriff's office to provide the Town with Fire Department emergency dispatching service.

F. Frenchville Snowmobile Club

The Board received a letter from the Frenchville Snowmobile Club stating that the Club received a letter from a landowner who states that he will close access to trails on his land because of decisions made by the Frenchville Board of Selectmen. The Board will allow the Snowmobile Club an opportunity to discuss this issue with them at the next regular meeting on February 18, 2014.

8. Other Business:

A. Abatement of taxes for Susan Hebert, DBA Herbert Floor Care.

Susan Hebert has filed for an abatement of taxes in amount of \$55.95 since she has not lived in Frenchville since last fall. The Board decided to table this issue until the next regular meeting on February 18, 2014. This will allow time for the manager to find out if anyone still owns the trailer and would be responsible for paying the taxes.

9. Budget Meeting:

- A.** Percy Thibeault explained the proposal provided by former Town Manager Phil Levesque explaining a couple of proposals on how to invest the buy in money received from St. Agatha for the sewer project between St. Agatha and Frenchville in the amount of \$288,843.11. A motion was made by Andrew McQuarrie, seconded by Clarence Roy to use \$40,843.11 of the money to pay off outstanding bills accumulated over a number of years (there is still \$23,600.09 of unpaid fees for 2013 that will not be excused). This will allow the Town to set sewer fees back to the 2010 rates. All in favor. APPROVED. A motion was made by Andrew McQuarrie, seconded by Camille Bernier to place \$200,000 into four CDs of \$50,000 that will mature at different years. All in favor. APPROVED. A motion was made by Clarence Roy, seconded by Andrew McQuarrie, to put the remaining \$48,136.189 into a flex account to be used for problems that may arise with the sewer system. All in favor. APPROVED. It is the desire of the Board for this buy in money to be earmarked for sewer purposes and that any withdrawals from the CDs will need approval from the Town.

10. Future Meeting Dates:

February 18, 2014 at the Frenchville Town Office at 6:00 P.M.

11. Adjourn:

A motion was made by Clarence Roy, seconded by Camille Bernier to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. All in favor. APPROVED.

Board of Selectmen Tabled Items:

- 1. Historical Society**
- 2. Gagnon Bridge**
- 3. Sewer Ordinance**
- 4. Bob Dionne- Junk Yard**
- 5. Susan Hebert- Abatement request**