

**BOARD OF SELETMEN MEETING  
AUGUST 19, 2014 MINUTES  
FRENCHVILLE TOWN OFFICE AT 6:30PM**

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

**Other:** John Davis

1. **Call meeting to order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Percy Thibeault at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited
3. **Minutes of August 7, 2014:** A motion was made by Andrew McQuarrie, seconded by Clarence Roy, to accept the minutes of the August 7, 2014 meeting. All in favor. APPROVED.
4. **Items to be signed:**
  - A. **Warrants, Expenses and Payroll:** The Board signed the following warrants, # 65, 66, and 67.

<b>Warrant Date</b>	<b>A/P#</b>	<b>Payroll#</b>
<b>August 7, 2014</b>	<b>65</b>	
<b>August 13, 2014</b>		<b>66</b>
<b>August 15, 2014</b>	<b>67</b>	

5. **Warrant Summary:** The Town Manager went over the warrant summary. Camille Bernier had a question about the expenditure RV Agent. John Davis will report back on this at the next meeting.
6. **Articles taken out of order:** There were no articles taken out of order.
7. **Reports and/or Correspondence:**
  - A. **Tax Abatement request-** Janet Downy put in a request for a tax abatement claiming a hardship case. Janet is living in Massachusetts and it appears that she is renting the house. If this is the case, she probably will not qualify for a hardship case. The issue was tabled by consensus until the next meeting to give the manager time research this.
  - B. **Maine Families of Aroostook,** an organization that works with victims of child abuse, is asking Frenchville for financial support in the amount of \$200. The Board opted to table this issue until the Board meets to discuss next year budget meetings,
  - C. **Town of Houlton- funding the Visitor Information Center (VIC)-**This item will be brought up at the Budget time also. The Town Manager will find out what the surrounding towns are doing.

8. **Public Participation:**

Time Opened 6:55 pm Time Closed 6:56 pm

9. **New Business:**

**A. Festival Chautauqua Schedule of Events**-The Town Manager supplied the Board with a brochure listing the schedule of events for Le Festival Chautauqua taking place on August 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

**B. Broadcast Proposal**- Derek Bosse from Channel X, wanted to sell the Town some Broadcast time to cover the Festival. The Board didn't feel that this would bring any more people to the Festival. A motion was made by Andre McQuarrie, seconded by Camille Bernier, not to go with the broadcast. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

10. **Unfinished Business**

A. **Sewer Report**-John Davis informed the Board that Woodard and Curran would be in St. Agatha on Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> for the final construction meeting. Craig Lawrence recommended that the Board show a unified front and to push for an extension on the warranty. Percy Thibeault mentioned that Nick Archer from DEP may have a meter with that can detect the strength of the sewer gas that some of the residents have been smelling in their homes. Camille Bernier motioned that Frenchville should have its own meter. Clarence Roy seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion APPROVED.

B. **Softball Field Update**-John Davis will write a letter to Scott at Sherwin Williams in Presque Isle thanking him for the deal that he give the Town on paint for the softball field fence. Camille Bernier mentioned that the field needs a couple of gates in the right field corner. A motion was made by Craig Lawrence, seconded by Camille Bernier to purchase the gates. A motion was made by Craig Lawrence, seconded by Camille Bernier, to have the Town Manager write a thank you letter to Sherwin Williams.

C. **Pelletier Avenue Update**-John Davis informed the Board that the ditching on Pelletier Avenue was nearly complete and that the Public Works Dept. would be ready to start on the week of August 25<sup>th</sup>. The Board agreed to stick to the original plan as opposed to ditching the entire road and laying the fabric and gravel at a later date.

D. **Junk Yards**- Gilman Hebert turned his permit application in on August 19, 2014, and now its issue will be addressed at a Planning Board meeting. Percy Thibeault will talk to the District Attorney to see if a Town official can inspect a site without the permission of the owner. John Davis will also check with Rick Currier about this.

E. **Speed Limit on Church Street**-John Davis will send a letter to Jim McGinnis of the MDOT to have him inspect this piece of road to see if the Town can get some more speed limit signs placed there.

F. **Flag Fund**-Percy Thibeault went over his detailed report. The Town got the flags for \$15 apiece and the poles for \$14 each. The Board agreed to purchase a plaque with the names of the people who purchased a flag in memory of a veteran. The cost will be \$366 including the engraving. Percy also mentioned that he got a \$200 endorsement from an anonymous donor. The intent is to open an account with the leftover money and use it to maintain the flags. No more flags will be put up, but

anyone who pledges the \$36 will have their name installed on the plaque in memory of a veteran of their choice. A motion was made by Camille Bernier, seconded by Clarence Roy, to have John Davis write up a resolve for Percy Thibeault and Elmer Daigle for the work they did on this project. All in favor. APPROVED.

- G. **Raise Undeveloped Land Value**-A motion was made by Andrew McQuarrie, seconded by Craig Lawrence, to keep the undeveloped land value at \$135 per acre. All in favor. APPROVED.
- H. **Water Tower Report**-Percy Thibeault informed the Board that the Town needs more in kind service to meet the demands of the grant. The Committee will look back to October 12, 2012, and record any time working on this project. Percy will check to see what the rate of pay is for in kind work. The Manager will write a resolve recognizing the Committee.
- I. **Stray Cats Update**-Residents on Nelson Avenue are still having trouble. John Davis will get the Health Officer involved. Percy Thibeault will talk to the district attorney about this also.
- J. **Commemorative Coins**-The Board agreed by consensus to have the Manager find out how many people have inquired about buying one, and if there enough interest them order some more.
- K. **Tripling Closing Ceremonies**-For informational purposes, John Davis informed the Board that any resident is invited to attend.
- L. **Suzi Paradis Contract**-A motion was made by Andrew McQuarrie, seconded by Camille Bernier, to accept the terms of the contract. All in favor. APPROVED.

#### 11. Other Business

- A. **Selectmen/Public works Dept**, agreed to help the Le Festival Chautauqua Committee set up for the tow day event.
- B. **Cleaners at Community Center**-John Davis informed the Board that a second cleaner was only used for one week to help clean the Community Center after each family reunion.
- C. **Acadian Heritage Air Show**-The Board received a letter from Airport Manager, Dave Fernald thanking them for the support of the Acadian Heritage Air Show.

12. **Future Meeting Dates**- The next Select board meeting will be on; Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at 6:30pm at the Frenchville Town Office

13. **Adjourn**-A motion was made by Clarence Roy, seconded by Camille Bernier, to adjourn at 8:20pm. All in favor. APPROVED.

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#### **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**