

**BOARD OF SELETMEN MEETING  
OCTOBER 7, 2014 MINUTES  
FRENCHVILLE TOWN OFFICE AT 6:30 PM**

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

**Others:** John Davis, Eric Blanchette, Nancy Dube, Claude Dube

1. **Call meeting to order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Chairman Percy Thibeault.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of allegiance was recited.
3. **Minutes of September 23, 2014:** A correction was made on item (a) in other business. The vote was 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and one abstention (Percy Thibeault). A motion was made by Andrew McQuarrie, seconded by Clarence Roy, to approve the amended minutes. All in favor. Motion approved.
4. **Items to be signed:**
  - A. **Warrants, Expenses and Payroll:** The Selectmen signed warrants #79, 80, 81 and 82.
5. **Warrant Summary:** The Town Manager went over the warrant summary.
6. **Articles taken out of order:** There were no articles taken out of order.
7. **Reports and/or correspondence:**
  - A. **MMA Convention:** Percy Thibeault, Andrew McQuarrie and John Davis enlightened the rest of the Board on the seminars they attended at the Convention.
8. **Public Participation:**

Time Opened 6:40 p.m.      Time Closed 6:55p.m.

  - A. Nancy Dube presented the Board with a detailed financial report on the Festival Chautauqua. When everything is tolled, the Festival made about a \$400 profit.  
Attendance was low which may have been due to all the activity going on in the

area because of the Acadian Congress events. Percy Thibeault mentioned that the Board would like to see the Festival continued, and the Board will talk about creating an account to help sponsor the Festival at budget time. In a show of appreciation for letting the Roy family have their reunion at the Community Center free of charge, Mrs. Dube gave the Board a thank you card with a sum of \$200 in it, to be deposited in the town's general fund.

**9. New Business:**

**A. Town Office Computer Update:** The Town Manager went over the proposal for Network Solutions to upgrade the computer system in the Town Office. The cost of the improvements will be \$3,574.96. A motion was made by Andrew McQuarrie, seconded by Camille Bernier, to do the upgrades. All in favor. APPROVED.

**10. Unfinished Business:**

**A. Sewer Report:** John Davis sent a letter to St. Agatha informing them that the Frenchville Selectmen are not in favor of any reduced costs in the sewer bill owned to Frenchville by St. Agatha due to the elevated flow rates in the months of April, May, and June of 2014. At this time, John is waiting for a reply from St. Agatha.

**B. Fire Department Citations:** The Fire Department is working to correct the violations and believe they will be completed by the deadline of October 31, 2014.

**C. DDHS (Leon Gagnon):** The Town Manager has been in contact with Bob Parent of the DHHS and Bob is working with Leon's siblings to try to find a solution.

**D. Proposal for Chimney at the WWTP:** The Town Manager has not solicited another proposal on this yet. He will continue to work on it.

**11. Other Business:**

**A. Public Works Update:**

**1) Pelletier Ave Project:** Public Works director, Eric Blanchette, reported that the Pelletier Ave. Project cost \$20,329 out of the \$30,000 that was allocated. There was discussion about what to do with the excess.

- 2) **One- Ton Pick-up**: Eric informed the Board that the 1985 single axle truck is in bad shape and would like to purchase a second-hand one- ton to replace it. The Board told Eric that they would deliberate and have John get back to him. This matter will be revisited at the October 21, 2014 meeting.
  - 3) **Snow plowing Agreements**- Eric wants to get the necessary agreements signed before the snow flies. The Board instructed Eric to condense the agreements and list all the roads and driveways for each individual on one agreement. Percy Thibeault also wants to the agreement with Paul Gervais to reflect that the town will grade Mr. Gervais' farm roads in return for him mowing the grass on the sides of the road on Church Ave. Eric also talked to Bob Berry who now owns the Rectory across from the Church about pushing snow from the Church parking lot on his lawn. If this is no longer an option, Eric will speak with Roger Lagasse about what the Church wants to do with the snow. John Davis and Eric will work on the agreements and report back to the Board at the October 21, 2014 meeting.
  - 4) **Pusher Attachment for Loader**- Since the Town will not be responsible for hauling the snow from the Church parking lot, there is no need to purchase a pusher attachment.
  - 5) **Public Works Overtime**- Eric informed the Board that the two Public Works laborers only have 10 hours each of overtime left in the Winter Roads budget, with the month of December to be charged to that line. He recommended that the Director's overtime remain at 200 hours and laborers overtime be increased to 175 hours. No action was taken on this.
- B. **ATV Dinner for Land owners**: Bob Dumais, present of the ATV Club, sent an invitation to the Town Manager and Board of Selectmen to attend the land owner's supper that the ATV Club sponsors in return for the land owners making their property available for the ATV trails.
- C. **Candidates Night**: Candidates running for positions in the State Senate and House of Representatives will meet on October 15, 2014, at the Van Buren High School to discuss their views on the issues facing Aroostook County.
- D. **Flags**: Reno Voisine donated some cedar boxes that he made to store the flags in for the winter. Camille Bernier made a motion to write a

resolve for Reno recognizing this act of kindness. Craig Lawrence seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

12. **Future Meeting Dates:** The next regular meeting will be held on October 21, 2014 at 6:30p.m. at the Frenchville Town Office

13. **Adjourn:** A motion was made by Clarence Roy, seconded by Craig Lawrence, to adjourn  
At 8:02p.m. 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. Gagnon Bridge