



Frenchville Board of Selectman Meeting Minutes
Frenchville Town Office
Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at 6:30 P.M.

BOS Present: Craig Lawrence, Daniel Collin, Yvon Dube, Jamie Voisine, Ryan E. Pelletier.

Others: Wilfred Saucier Jr, Camille Bernier, Percy Thibeault, Bruce Ouellette,
 Dave Pelletier, Bern Pelletier, Nicole St. Pierre, John Ezzy, Marie Ouellette,
 Anne Ezzy, Roger Dube, Rachel Raymond, Danna Ayotte.

1. **Call meeting to order:** The meeting was called to order by Craig Lawrence at 6:30 PM.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. **Public Comment Period:**

Time Opened: 6:31 pm Time Closed: 6:45 pm

Percy Thibeault: In the past, I made a statement to the board regarding conflict of interest. MMA told the town to get easements. I would like to know the amount of tax dollars spent on legal fees. Town continued to spend money towards road.

Town Manager, Ryan Pelletier answered the question regarding amount spent in legal fees which was \$10,100.

Bruce Ouellette, I was told the town vote is not good. Who is responsible? Who will pay the \$1,235 bill?

Nicole St. Pierre: This was a big mistake.

Percy Thibeault: We have never voted before meeting in the past. Why now?

Yvon Dube requested to move Item D to now. No second motion. Motion fails.

Bern Pelletier: Asked Percy Thibeault "If he knew why didn't you say anything. I never went to meeting when people voted before meeting started and before moderator was voted in."

Daniel Collin stated that the board members also had questioned the process.

Craig Lawrence stated that we are currently discussing Item D in which a motion was made to bring forward and motion was not carried.

Town Clerk, Danna Ayotte spoke regarding the June 12, public meeting. There were many calls throughout the day from people who wanted to vote regarding the road but were not able to come to the meeting because of other commitments. Two Election clerks and a Warden/Moderator were present at 5:45 to register the people as they came in. She thought she was doing a good thing by giving more people the opportunity to vote. Danna explained that she didn't think she was doing anything wrong with letting the people vote right away and leave if they had other commitments. She didn't think everyone coming in would vote right away. She apologized for upsetting the people and explained that she has been at her job for less than two years and has had a lot to learn and has come across many situations that other clerks have never had to deal with.

John Ezzy: What happens to the road with this vote?

Bruce Ouellette responded explaining that if the courts determine the land is his then easements will be done.

Another motion made by Yvon Dube to move Item D forward.

Jamie Voisine made a comment that Mike Cyr is waiting to speak.

Yvon Dube made a motion to close public comment; Daniel Collin seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

4. Minutes of June 6 and June 12, 2017:

Motion to approve minutes by Yvon Dube; seconded by Jamie Voisine. All in favor. Motion Carries.

5. Warrants signed and approved:

WARRANT DATE	ACCT PAYABLE	PAYROLL
6-8-17		37
6-15-17		38
6-16-17	39	

6. New Business:

A: Pelletier Road Update by Mike Cyr: Mike Cyr was given more time to research at County Commissioner's office during the last meeting. He has done 16 hours out of the 21 hours approved. He has found "No smoking gun". He explained some of what he found on record regarding Pelletier Avenue which included connecting roads of Gagnon Road, Fraser landfill and Yvon Dube's place. He also mentioned which roads were considered 4 rod roads. The

Pelletier Avenue Road was nowhere where the road is today. There were many changes since 1855.

Bruce Ouellette asked Mr. Cyr if he was hired to refute Matthew Macdonald's research. Mike Cyr's answer was "No". Board members all agree that he was not hired for that purpose.

Mike Cyr: There is no deed for the road. There was a layout of town way brought up in the records but it was denied. The town board minutes at that time could make a record of it. County Commissioner's office does not have the answer but town meeting minutes should have a record. Good record of the existence of the road. Minutes of town meetings has to have a record. Either accepted or not accepted.

Dave Pelletier: If you were to research the Ouellette farm would you be able to determine the town way?

Mike Cyr: No, the abutters of that way are determined by center line. The centerline would be what divides the property. When you have a road that exist and you each own to that road. The road becomes a boundary. And you are both deemed to own, use and enjoy to the centerline.

Town way or private way is only terms used in research.

A question to ask the town attorney would be "What is criteria for a town way and what is the criteria of a private way?"

Daniel Collin asked Mike Cyr if he will have material ready for Thursday. Mike answered that he will have notes and will have something ready but will ask the judge what he would like him to prepare.

John Ezzy: He heard Mike Cyr say there will be something in the town records. Will the town allow Mike Cyr to go through the records? Craig Lawrence mentioned that the town manager, public works director and John Ezzy have all gone through the town records.

Daniel Collin feels that the people who researched the town record have not looked for what Mike Cyr was looking for.

Ryan Pelletier, town manager, said that the 1800 to 1920 is very confusing and hard to read. You have to be an expert to understand it. Anne Ezzy agreed because she tried to read it also.

Craig Lawrence asked Mike Cyr if he will be able to get it done before Thursday morning if they vote to allow him more hours to research town records.

Mike Cyr responded the records he found showed that Pelletier Avenue and Airport Road are both 4 rod roads. "I think an extensive research between 1885 to 1900 would be worth the time. I would need about 4 to 5 hours to put everything together." He will provide a list of the records.

Yvon Dube asked if he had 8 hours max available tomorrow if they vote to allow him more time. Almost impossible to get everything ready for Thursday. Mike Cyr said he could give half a day researching at town then use rest of day to organize.

Ryan Pelletier said Mike Cyr needs to focus on 1800s because 1900 is simple to read.

Rachel Rayment and Bruce Ouellette asked Mike Cyr surveyor questions.

Yvon Dube made a motion for hiring Mike Cyr for another 4 hours to be used tomorrow morning to check minutes at the town office; Daniel Collin seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carries.

Mike Cyr put markers on the Ezzy's land. Bruce Ouellette questioned the markers.

B. VRF New Board Appointee/Replacement for John Ezzy: Ryan Pelletier, town manager provided list of VRF board members. Yvon Dube made a motion that we could have our town manager, Ryan Pelletier vote; Daniel Collin seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carries.

Jamie Voisine made a motion to nominate Craig Lawrence as our Alternate; seconded by Daniel Collin. All in favor. Motion carries.

C. Community Center Request for tables and chairs: St Joseph Memory Care requested to rent 200 chairs and 15-20 tables. Town Manager mentioned if the BOS decide they are willing to do this that the town should charge the same rental fees as Madawaska which would give us a revenue of \$160. Daniel Collin made a motion that we do not lend the tables and chairs; Yvon Dube seconded. 3 in favor. 1 opposed. Motion carries.

Yvon Dube made a motion to donate the upstairs but they need to be responsible for cost of cleaning; Jamie Voisine seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

D. Special Town Meeting Official End Results: Until Court decides, then the town does not spend money on the road. Town was seeking easements so there is no agreement that the town is responsible for the road. Discussions by attendees and board members regarding concerns with paving the road, property values being effected, school bus issues and everyone getting along and coming to an agreement.

Craig Lawrence, Chairmen told everyone "Right now we will not do anything until the court decides if it's a private or public road. It may be decided on Thursday. It may be a dead issue right now."

7. Old Business:

A. Cable Franchise Update: Is the BOS willing to just extend the existing 10 year contract? There will be an automatic 5 year extension if we don't say anything. Or choose to go with another 10 year contract. The Cable Company has to have a franchise agreement so they have the right to go to the poles. Enacted in 1997. They get \$290 from our towns people through a pass through tax. Daniel Collin made a motion to renew and extend the current contract; seconded by Jamie Voisine. All in favor. Motion carries.

B. Sewer MOU Meeting w/St. Agatha: Ryan Pelletier, town manager, mentioned he was hoping to have a date set for the meeting with St Agatha by this date. Beurmond Banville said to go through him for correspondence. Danny Bechard replied to be patient during their transition for the administration since the town manager resigned and he was also the sewer operator. Nick Archer also said to be patient.

8. Other Business:

A. Neglected Items:

1. **TIFF:** Craig Lawrence was approached by Jeremy and Danny Pelletier. Per Ryan, Jim Savean needs numbers and someone is approaching him for a TIFF but he is not willing to give him the information he needs. Next TIFF discussion should be at the July 18 meeting.
2. **Camera:** Rachel Raymond asked for an update on the security cameras which were to be installed in town. The Town Manager informed her that the cost we were quoted was very expensive but we presently have 2 cameras which were purchased online at a cheaper price. They have been installed at the town office. The next ones purchased will be for the Heritage Park.
3. **New Public Works Employee:** The Town Manager informed the BOS that the new employee, Randy Dumais, is working out well. Everyone is happy with his work.
4. **Tax Commitment:** Tony Pinette coming in on Thursday and Friday and will do the tax commitment.
5. **Ballfield:** Per Jamie Voisine, It's too late for ball games for this year. Ryan Pelletier, spoke to Ann in FK and the games being held there will not be changed to Frenchville.
6. **CC Water pump:** Ryan Pelletier, Town Manager explained that moving the Community Center water pump from the Rec Dept Building to the Community Center building would be very expensive. The water line would also need to be moved. At this point, the Fire Marshall's list needs to come first. The new window for the Rec Dept building will be changed. Work needs to be done according to the town warrant approval. Public Works garage also needs to get done.
7. **Sand Bid:** Someone approached both Craig Lawrence and Ryan Pelletier because they had the lowest bid on sand bid delivered so why did he not get the bid. It was ignored because he only put delivered price but the ad only asked for bids for non-delivered.
8. **Executive Session-Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (A):**
Motion to go into executive session made by Daniel Collin; Jamie Voisine seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. Executive session began at 8:25 pm.
Motion to end Executive Session at 9:04 by Daniel Collin; seconded by Yvon Dube. All in favor. Motion carries.

9. **Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, June 21 at 12:00 pm with Rick Currier at Town Office
Thursday, June 22 at 9:00 am ADR at Caribou Court House
Wednesday, July 5 at 6:30 at Frenchville Town Office

10. **Adjourn.** Motion to adjourn at 9.07 pm made by Jamie Voisine, seconded by Yvon Dube.
All in favor. Motion carries.