

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

July 2, 2013 MEETING Minutes

Frenchville Town Office at 6:30 P.M.

DATE POSTED: July 9, 2013

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

Others: Casey Cote, John Ezzy

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Percy Thibeault called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

A. Minutes of 6/18/13- Andrew McQuarrie motioned to approve the minutes of 6/18/2013. Seconded by Clarence Roy. All in favor. APPROVED.

2. **ITEMS TO BE SIGNED:** The following A/P and Payroll warrants were approved and signed by the Board.

A. Warrants Expenses & Payroll

Warrant Batch Date	A/P #	Payroll #
6/19/13		47
6/20/13	48	
6/26/13		49
6/27/13	50	

B. ATV USE PERMIT- Town Manager will follow up on old ATV use permit. The Board requested that Bob Dumais attend the next Board meeting to discuss the permit. Item is tabled at this time.

3. **ARTICLES TAKEN OUT OF ORDER:** There were no articles taken out of order.

4. **REPORTS AND/OR CORRESPONDENCE:**

- A. MMA Loss Control Response-** The Town Manager reported out that all action items had been resolved in her response letter to MMA's risk management services.
- B. DOT Notice of Layout and Taking-** This notice of Layout and Taking was issued for land owned by David G. Cyr by DOT for their road construction/paving plans.
- C. 2012 SJVSWCD Annual Report/ Spring Newsletter-** For Board information
- D. Public Works Director Reports May & June 2013-** The Board commended Eric Blanchette on the work he has completed thus far.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Time Opened: 6:45 p.m. Time Closed: 6:46 p.m.

John Ezzy commented on the grading work being done on Pelletier Road. He expressed his feelings of a job well done by the Public Works department.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. FY14- FY15 State Budget & Revenue Sharing-** The Town Manager presented the actual revenue sharing amount of \$76,416 budgeted for Frenchville for 2013. The projected amount for 2014 is \$57,218 or a 36% reduction from previous status quo years.
- B. 2013 Mil Rate Options-** The Town Manager presented three options for the Board to select for the 2013 mil rate. The first option was a status quo option that would maintain the mil rate at 20.60 and would leave an overlay of \$38,675. The second option would have decreased the mil rate to 20.50 and would have left an overlay of \$34,541. The third option would have further reduced the mil rate to 20.10 and would have left an overlay of \$18,003. The Town Manager recommended option 2 based off of the deep cuts made to the 2013 budget and knowing that 2014 Revenue Sharing projections are low and also a decrease has been made to the Local Road Assistance Program funds the town usually receives. The overlay will go to surplus where it can be used to lower that tax commitment for the 2014 year. Paul Bernier motioned to approve Option #2 with Mil Rate of 20.50. Seconded by Andrew McQuarrie. All in favor. APPROVED.
- C. Certificate of Assessment-** The Board signed the 2013 certificate of assessment.
- D. Assessors' Certification-** The Board signed the 2013 Assessors Certification.
- E. Municipal Valuation Return-** The Board signed the 2013 MVR.

- F. Revenue Sharing/ Special Town Meeting Consideration-** The consensus of the Board was to follow the Town Manager's recommendation to wait on setting a Special Town Meeting due to the fact that there were still unknowns about the outcome of the Gagnon Bridge inspection and the fact that Revenue Sharing Projections for 2014 are low. The town is not in a comfortable position to initiate a large capital project at this time. Once more information is received to make an informed decision the issue will be brought back before the Board.
- G. 2009 Tax Abatement Request Fraser Paper Inc. -** Paul Bernier motioned to approve 2009 Tax Abatement requested by Fraser Paper, in, for the total of \$192.68. Seconded by Clarence Roy. All in favor. APPROVED.
- H. Craig Lawrence Petition Reconsideration-**Tabled at this time.
- I. Scrap Metal Bid-** The Scrap Metal Bid from Bruce Ouellette was denied. The Board requested the Town Manager contact Gallant Enterprise to see if they would honor the VRF price of \$130 per ton.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. 2013 Appointments-** For Board signatures and information
- B. Pelletier Fire Debris-** For Board Information. All fire related debris from this point on will be paid by the owner per VRF policy.

8. OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. Fort Kent Street Update-** Percy Thibeault has completed this change.
- B. Frenchville Station Grounds Update-** The Town Manager had a meeting with the Economic Director, Project Engineer and the contractor to discuss a change order for the project. The revisions to the project include creating a pad to rest the water tower and caboose structure. The group is also looking in to the potential to refurbish the old station house structure as it is listed on the national register of historic places.
- C. Mowing-** Grass is being mowed all over US RTE 1, all over walking paths. The Town Manager will have Public Works tweak their current mowing practice to resolve the issue.
- D. Laborer-** The Town Manager made a recommendation to hire Todd Mathieson for the temporary laborer position. Percy Thibeault motioned to hire Todd Mathieson for the temporary Laborer position. Seconded by Camille Bernier, Four in favor. 1 abstained. APPROVED.

9. FUTURE MEETING DATES:

- A. Tuesday July 16, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. Selectmen Meeting**
- B. Wednesday July 24, 2013- Gagnon Bridge MDOT meeting 3:00 p.m.**
- C. Monday August 5, 2013- Selectmen Meeting 6:30 p.m. at the Frenchville Town Office**

10. ADJOURNED AT: Paul Bernier motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 P.M.
Seconded by Clarence Roy. All in favor. APPROVED.

Board of Selectmen Tabled Items:

1. Gerard Raymond dilapidated building
2. Justin Guerrette- dilapidated building, CEO needs to mail letter
3. Ricky Gervais- Automobile Graveyard. CEO needs to mail letter. Operation must be in accordance to state regulations title 30-a, section 3751 through 3760.
4. Historical Society- Deed
5. Community Center Renovations
6. Wastewater Department Budget Requests
7. Town Garage/Fire Station- weather stripping/ wall insulation/ window capping.
8. Latham Easement
9. Gravel Pit