

**Board of Selectmen Meeting
July 16, 2014 Minutes
Frenchville Town Office at 6:30 p.m.**

Present: Percy Thibeault, Camille Bernier, Clarence Roy, Craig Lawrence

Others: John Davis

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Percy Thibeault at 6:30 p.m.
2. **The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**
3. **Minutes of July 1, 2014:** A motion was made by Craig Lawrence, seconded by Camille Bernier, to accept the minutes of the July 1, 2014 meeting. All in favor. APPROVED.
4. **Items to be Signed:** The Board signed and approved the warrants #52, 53, 54, and 55.
The Town Manager went over his summary of the warrants and explained to the Board what the major expenses were.
5. **Articles Taken out of Order:** John Davis went over a BETE application from CIT Communications that appeared to be filed late but CIT was looking to have the \$27.00 fee abated. A motion was made by Camille Bernier, seconded by Craig Lawrence, not to approve the abatement. All in favor. APPROVED.
6. **Public Participation:**
Time Opened 6:38 p.m. Time Closed 6:30 p.m.
7. **Reports and/or Correspondence:**
 - A. MMA Annual Election: A motion was made by Camille Bernier, seconded by Clarence Roy, to vote for the nominated candidates. All in favor. APPROVED.
8. **New Business:**
 - A. Maine DOT Overlay Project: The Maine Department of Transportation is planning a 1 ¼ overlay project beginning at RT.1 and extending southeasterly 6.26 miles, ending 0.76 southeast of James Street. The MDOT is requesting that the town has any existing facilities or plans to install additional facilities within the next five years. The Town Manager follow-up with the MDOT to see if the sewer line is considered a facility, and if so, he will fill out the form and mail to the utility coordinator.

B. CL Roy and Sons: The Board discussed the RV pumping station that CL Roy and Sons want to install on the property where their garage is located. At an earlier meeting Steve Young, WWTP operator, had expressed some concerns with this. John will follow-up with Steve and have him contact Clarence Roy to discuss this proposal. The Board expressed their approval as long as Steve concerns are addressed.

9. Unfinished Business:

A. Sewer Report: The Board discussed the provisions in the proposal that Christy Sirois, Town Manager of St. Agatha, has recommended in an effort to decrease the elevation costs that St. Agatha has experienced in the months of April, May and June. The increase in flow that St. Agatha is experiencing is a result of some I/I problems they are having proposal clarified:

- [DEP follow up- Nick Archer and Sean Bernard met with John Davis and went over the importance of the need to work something out with St. Agatha so they can get their I/I problems behind them and move forward with the Sewer Project.
- [Dig up Valve at the WWTP- The DEP has advised the Town to Dig up the valve at the WWTP to see what is causing it to clog and why the valve stem is bent. A motion was made by Camille Bernier, seconded by Craig Lawrence to dig up the valve and if it is determined that someone else is liable for the damage, they will share the cost to do the repairs. It was also decided that Frenchville's expense will come out of the buy-in funds. All in favor. APPROVED.

B. Carlton Albert Court Fees- The Board instructed the Town Manager to contact Rick Currier for advise in how to proceed with this issue.

C. Community Center Softball Field- The Town Manager informed the Board that the Public Works crew has completed the task of setting the new poles in and all the remain to be done is to attach the panels.

D. ATV Use Permit- A motion was made by Craig Lawrence, seconded by Clarence Roy, to approve the permit that will allow ATVs to travel about 16 miles up Church Ave to connect to the access trail that extends into Cabin 10. This is a temporary remedy until the ATV Club can repair the part of the trail that is normally used to get to Cabin 10. This trail goes up a steep incline which has washout and created some unsafe conditions. All in favor. APPROVED.

E. Community Project (Flags) - Percy Thibeault said that this project is moving along very well and already over 30 people have made a donation to purchase a flag. The intent is to place a flag on every other telephone pole along Frenchville's main Street in memory of a Veteran. This venture has been well received by the Board and citizens throughout the Valley as well. A motion was made by Camille Bernier, seconded by Clarence Roy that once the project is completed, the flags will belong to the Town of Frenchville and the Public Works crew will be responsible for putting them up one week before Memorial Day and taken down one week after Labor Day. All in favor. APPROVED.

- F. Post Office Survey- Percy Thibeault advised that the Board go as a unit, when the public hearing and express support for keeping the Post Office in Frenchville open. A motion was made by Craig Lawrence, seconded by Camille Bernier, that the selectman will attend the public hearing as a group. All in favor. APPROVED.
- G. Right to Know Form- The Board instructed the Manager to contact the Maine Municipal Association and get a copy of their Right to Know Policy to have on hand at the office.
- H. Ed Boynton, Rec. Director- There is no money in the budget for a stipend this year and the Board will revisit this at the budget meeting next year. Craig Lawrence recommended that Ed decide what he would like to do and put together a budget for the Board to review in 2015. The Board also instructed the Manager to take money out of the Recreation budget to pay for the bases for the softball/baseball field that Kevin Lavoie requested.
- I. Letter to St. Joseph N.H.- For informational purposes, John Davis informed the Selectmen that he had sent a letter the Jessica D'Italian, director of St. Joseph Nursing Home, in reference to St. Joseph's taking full responsibility for the 4 inch PVC pipe that was installed under their driveway as part of the Hydrant Project. Jessica said that they have no problem with the agreement, but their attorney is putting it in more legal format.
- J. Nelson Street Paving- Tromley was supposed to start on July 15, but due to unfavorable weather forecasts, they will be doing the job later in the week.
- K. Trip to Temiscouata- Percy Thibeault gave a report on the trip to Canada and the warm welcome official from Frenchville received from representative of Temiscouata and Grand Falls.

11. Other Business:

- A. Application for a BYOB Permit- The Board signed a BYOB permit for the Le Chautauqua Festival to be held on August 23 at the Frenchville Community Center.
- B. Speed Limit on Church Avenue- John Davis will take to Bob Watson of the Maine Department of Transportation to see if the state can reduce the speed limit on Church Avenue.
- C. St. Agatha/Frenchville Joint Fuel Bid- A motion was made by Craig Lawrence, seconded by Clarence Roy, to go with Option #2 through Daigle Oil Company.
- D. Ed Latham High Speed Internet- The Board agreed by consensus that Ed Latham could pursue this on behalf of the Town and report back to the Board when he has more information.
- E. Application for a Catering Permit- The Board signed an application for a catering permit for Robins Restaurant to be used on August 13, 2014 for the Paradis Family Reunion to be held at the Frenchville Community Center.

F. T-Shirts- John Davis informed the Board that the T-shirts that Grand Falls had made up were selling for \$19.00 plus tax. Anyone wanting one should give John their size as soon as possible.

12. Future Meeting Date: The next regular meeting will be held on August 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Frenchville Town Office.

13. Adjourn: A motion was made by Camille Bernier, seconded by Craig Lawrence to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. All in favor. APPROVED.

BOARD TABLE ITEMS

1. **Historical Society-** Percy Thibeault said the project is almost completed.
2. **Gagnon bridge**
3. **Sewer Ordinance**
4. **Bob Dionne- Junk yard-** Bob has until July 25, 2014 to pick-up his permit, if he fails to do so, he will have 30 days to clean up his site.
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 Ave Road improvement**
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