

**Board of Selectmen Meeting
May 20, 2014 Minutes
Frenchville Town Office at 6:30 pm**

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

Others: John Davis, Ed Latham

1. **Call meeting to order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Percy Thibeault.
2. **Minutes of May 6, 2014:** A motion was made by Camille Bernier, seconded by Clarence Roy, to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2014 Board of Selectmen Meeting. All in favor. APPROVED.
3. **Items to be signed:**
 - A. **Warrants, Expenses, and Payrolls:** The following A/P and Payroll warrants were approved and signed by the board.

Warrant Batch Date	A/P	Payroll
May 7, 2014	36	
May 7, 2014		37
May 14, 2014		38
May 15, 2014	39	

4. **Articles Taken Out of Order:** There were no articles taken out of order.
5. **Reports And/or Correspondence**
 - A. **Fire Permits:** For Select Board information, the Town Manager informed the Board that fire permits are now available on line. There is a fee of seven (7.00) dollars, two (2.00) dollars of which will stay with the town.
 - B. **Community Development Block Grant (Chamberland):** The CDGB grant that the Chamberland Cedar Mill applied for has been denied.

C. School Budget Proposal: Town of Frenchville portion for its participation in SAD 33 has increased by \$25,579 for the 2014-2015 budget year. This is primarily due to an increase in the State's funding formula of 5.49%.

6. Public Participation

Time Opened 6:38 p.m. Time Closed 6:54 p.m.

A. Ed Latham: Mr. Latham was in attendance to address the Board about his concern with the pad that the Town had constructed on his property in 2013 to use as a place for the Public Works crew to turn around while plowing snow. Mr. Latham didn't recall agreeing to pay anything; his understanding was he would clear the piece of land and the town would cover the expense for the pad. Percy Thibeault explained that the project cost the Town more than \$6,000 and did not think it was unreasonable for Mr. Latham to pay \$1,000, since the undertaking had added value to his land. After some discussion and as assurance that he would not receive any future bills, Mr. Latham agreed to pay the \$1,000 over a period of time. He will stop at the Town Office and set up a payment plan with the Town Manager.

7. New Business: There was no new business.

8. Unfinished Business

- A. Sewer Project: John Davis is in the process of setting up a meeting with the Frenchville Board of Selectmen and Woodard/Currian to discuss the ongoing problems with the sewer project.
- B. Road Committee: John Davis, Eric Blanchette, Ryan Pelletier, and Vernon Labbe will be the members of the Road Committee. They will be meeting in the near future to get started on the Pelletier Avenue Project.
- C. Sewer Buy-In Funds: A motion was made by Craig Lawrence, seconded by Clarence Roy, to put \$150,000 in an account for one year and to apply \$150,000 to the principal of the Rural Development Sewer loan to be added to the \$13,601 payment due the loan in 2014. In one year the Board will look at interest rates and decide what they want to do with the \$150,000 in savings. All in favor. APPROVED.
- D. Update on Junk yards: Percy Thibeault explained the aerial photos he had of some properties in Frenchville what could be classified as junk yards. The Code Enforcement Officer will have to inspect these sites and take the appropriate measures. Percy also went over the Statute dealing with junk yards in Maine and he spoke of the public hearing at the June 5th meeting to discuss the status of Bob Dionne's junk yard.

- E. Appoint Health Officer and Planning Board members: A motion was made by Camille Bernier, seconded by Clarence Roy, to appoint Donna Picard as Health Officer. All in favor. APPROVED.
- F. Project Update:
- The Town Manager informed the Board that the fire hydrant project would be started on May 21st.
 - The Board agreed to have the Town Manager to get an estimate of the cost for cleaning the lagoon when the maintenance at the WWTP begins.
- G. Snow Plowing Agreement with Gary Picard: A motion was made by Clarence Roy, seconded by Camille Bernier to approve the snow plowing agreement with Gary Picard. All in favor. APPROVED.
- H. Gerard Raymond Trust (GRT): A motion was made by Camille Bernier, seconded by Craig Lawrence to approve the agreement with the Gerard Raymond Trust in which the Town of Frenchville will take possession of the Train Station House by GRT in return for the town providing documentation that the charitable gift is valued at \$5,000. All in favor. APPROVED.

9. Other Business

- A. Report on "Tripling" meeting: The Town Manager reported that himself, Percy Thibeault, and Clarence Roy had met with town officials from Grand Falls and Termiscuata as part of the Acadia Congress Celebration. Frenchville officials hosted the two towns and brought them to a couple of businesses and later in the evening they had supper at Rosette's. Frenchville officials will be visiting Termiscuata on July 9th and again on August 24th to celebrate the final day of the Acadian Congress Festivity.
- B. Maine Acadian Heritage Council's 17th Annual Dinner: The event is being held on Friday, May 30th, 2014, at the Frenchville Community Center. The Selectmen and Town Manager will try to attend.
- C. Tax Assessor: John Davis informed the Board that Parker Appraisal will be in town from Tuesday May 27th to Thursday May 29th to do the yearly appraisals. Andrew McQuarrie will accompany the assessor as a representative of the Select Board and Clarence Roy will be the alternate.
10. Future Meeting Dates: The next regular Select Board meeting will be held on June 5, 2014, at the Frenchville Town Office at 6:30 p.m.
11. Adjourn: A motion was made by Clarence Roy, seconded by Craig Lawrence, to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. All in favor. APPROVED.

Board Tabled Items

1. Historical Society
2. Gagnon Bridge
3. Sewer Ordinance
4. Bob Dionne- Junk yard

5. Ed Lutham Turn around
6. Susan Hebert tax abatement

Agenda Items for Special Town Meeting

1. Marijuana Ordinance
2. Nelson Street paving
3. Gagnon Bridge
4. Pelletier Avenue road improvement