


BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
May 1, 2012 MEETING MINUTES
Frenchville Town Office at 6:30 P.M.
DATE POSTED: May 11, 2012

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

Others: Casey Cote

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order by Percy Thibeault at 6:30 p.m.

A. Minutes of 4-17-12 were accepted. (Motioned by Paul Bernier, seconded by Clarence Roy. All in favor.)
APPROVED

2. **ITEMS TO BE SIGNED:**

A. A. Warrants Expenses & Payroll The following AP and Payroll warrants were reviewed and signed by the Board.

Warrant Batch Date	A/P #	Payroll #
April 19, 2012		30
April 19, 2012	31	
April 25, 2012		32
April 26, 2012	33	

B. Tax Anticipation note resolution. Reviewed, approved and signed by the Board.

3. **ARTICLES TAKEN OUT OF ORDER:**

A. Paving Bids. Paul Bernier motioned to give authority to Town Manager with input from James Caron to check quality and references from Northern Maine Paving and Trombley. Town Manager will notify the Board of her

recommendation once she has checked references. Seconded by Clarence Roy. All in favor. APPROVED.

4. REPORTS AND/OR CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. **MMA Workers Compensation refund.** An insurance refund for workers compensation of \$1,015.00 was received after the 2011 audit was completed.
- B. **Aroostook County Tourism Summit** – For Board information.
- C. **Maine Acadian Heritage Council Annual Meeting – May 19, 2012** – For Board information.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Time Opened: 6:58 p.m. Time Closed: 6:59 p.m.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Assistant Town Clerk Position** – Board accepts with regret the resignation of Kathleen Baron. Percy Thibeault made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to Title 1, M.R.S.A., Section 405, Sub-section 6, Paragraph (A) to discuss personnel matters. Seconded by Paul Bernier. All in favor. APPROVED. Percy Thibeault declares adjourned from executive session. There was no post executive session action.
- B. **Street Signs for World Acadian Congress** – Town Manager will contact World Acadian Congress and let them know they can put signs under the town 'Welcome' signs at the Fort Kent and Madawaska ends of town. The Board's preference is the bilingual version of the sign. Motioned by Camille Bernier and seconded by Andrew McQuarrie. All in favor. APPROVED.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. **Community Center upgrades** – The town was not awarded the Public Facilities grant for repairs to the Community Center. Town Manager presented an RD low interest loan option. Paul Bernier requested Suzie Paradis to look into low to moderate income survey. Paul made a motion to move forward with RD loan for most necessary upgrades. Seconded by Camille Bernier. All in favor. APPROVED. Camille Bernier motioned for a Special Town Meeting for town approval. Seconded by Paul Bernier. All in favor. APPROVED.

- B. Repair to roadside sign at Community Center** – Town manager will look to couple roadside sign with RD loan upgrades if town approval is granted at special town meeting.
- C. Historical Society Agreement** – Tabled.
- D. Bylaws of the Board of Selectpeople – stipend.** The Chairperson will receive a \$1500 stipend per annum upon successful attendance of 90% of all scheduled meetings in the calendar year. The Selectpeople will receive a \$1000 stipend per annum upon successful attendance of 90% of all scheduled meetings in the calendar year. Annually, there will be approximately 24 regularly scheduled meetings. There may be occasional workshop sessions scheduled to address unforeseen circumstances. If the Chairperson or Selectpeople fall below the 90% attendance they will be reimbursed at a rate of \$25 per meeting. Excused absences, (illness, death in family, work related conflict) will be at the Town Manager's discretion; (no more than 3 unexcused absences will be permitted in the calendar year). Motioned to approve by Camille Bernier, seconded by Paul Bernier. All in favor. APPROVED.
- E. Goal setting Board of Selectpeople** – Percy Thibeault will meet with Camille Bernier and Clarence Roy on May 3, 2012 to review park equipment and make a plan for installation of new equipment. Percy will contact Superintendent Fern Desjardins to discuss Town's change of plan for school's use of play structure. Percy will notify Town Manager with results.
- F. 2012 Appointments** – Motion was made by Andrew McQuarrie to appoint Maurice Dube to the Planning Board for a term of 3 years to replace Andre' Ouellette. Seconded by Camille Bernier. All in favor. APPROVED. One vacancy remains for the Appeals Board and will be tabled to the next meeting.
- G. Memorial Donation for Andre' Ouellette** – Board of Selectpeople extends their sympathy to the family of Andre' Ouellette. Consensus of Board to present Memorial Donation of \$50 on behalf of Town.
- H. Beautification Project** – Nathan Molton from Maine D.O.T. will perform a site visit for US Route 1 location to determine if they will authorize the Town to use their site grounds for the Beautification Project. Mr. Molton confirmed that the town can proceed with planting the trees before agreement is signed.
- I. Demolition** – Clarence Roy has agreed to demolish the shed at the Historical Society building free of charge with the condition that he keeps the scrap metal to offset payment for fuel. Clarence will notify Public Works Director when demolition will take place. Public Works Director will notify railroad when demolition is slated to happen.

8. OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. PACE** – Board wishes to adopt a PACE ordinance and enter into an agreement with Maine Efficiency Trust for them to administer the program. Special Town Meeting needed to bring before voters for approval.
- B. Military Ordinance** – Consensus of the Board was not to adopt the military ordinance. The Board feels it would have a negative impact on revenue for excise tax.
- C. State of Maine IF&W-** Paul Bernier received an e-mail confirmation that payment was being processed for extra work completed at the boat landing and should receive \$4,213.39 it in the next few weeks.
- D. Payloader** - Repairs to payloader for fuel injector in the amount of \$4098.54. Town Manager will follow-up with Public Works Director for clarification on the bill.
- E. Reduce Board of Selectpeople from 5 to 3 members.** Camille Bernier mentioned to reduce board members from 5 to 3. Percy Thibeault inquired as to what the wishes of the Board were. Consensus of the Board was to remain as 5 members.

9. FUTURE MEETING DATES:

- A. May 14, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the Frenchville Town Office.**

10. ADJOURNED AT:

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

(Motioned by Paul Bernier, Seconded by Andrew McQuarrie) APPROVED

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Casey Cote

Town Manager

Board of Selectmen Tabled Items: