

BOARD OF SELECTMENT MEETING  
March 3, 2015 Minutes  
FRENCHVILLE TOWN OFFICE AT 6:30PM

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

**Others:** John Davis, Steve Young, John Ezzy, Danny Collins

1. **Call meeting to order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Percy Thibeault at 6:38pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. **Minutes of February 17, 2015:** A motion was made by Camille Bernier, seconded by Clarence Roy, to accept the minutes with the corrections. (Item 10B-Unfinished Business- Buy-in funds: Should read \$50,000 will go into a CD for 1 year, not \$50,00. \$50,000 to 2 years, not \$50,00, \$100,000 for 5 years, not \$100,00. The warrants to be signed need to be changed from 18, 19, 25, to 13, 14, and 15.
4. **Items to be Signed:** The Board signed warrants numbers 13, 14, and 15.
5. **Warrant Summary:** The Town Manager went over the warrant summary. There were no issues or concerns.
6. **Articles taken out of Order:** There were no articles taken out of order.
7. **Reports and/or Correspondence:**
  - A. **Polar Plunge to sponsor Special Olympus-** John will get more information on this and if everything checks out, the Board will discuss it at the next meeting.
  - B. **Letter from the Department of Economic and Community Development-** The DECD informed the Town that the Micro Enterprise Grant has been closed out and that the Frenchville Town Office carried it out in accordance with the grant agreement and modifications or resolutions thereof. Congratulation to the Town Clerk and the grant write.
  - C. **Chancellor of the University of Maine System-** Dr. James Page is to speak on March 5, 2015, at UMFK. For Selectmen information, the manager informed the Board that they were invited to attend a breakfast/meeting with the Chancellor and listen to his thoughts on the restructuring of the University System that will almost certainly impact UMFK.

**8. Public Participation:**

Time Opened 6:45pm Time Closed 6:55pm

Danny Collins presented the Board with a letter of support for a local candidate for the Town Manager position. Percy Thibeault explained that the Board was just adopting a procedure at this meeting on how to conduct the interviews and how to score the candidates.

John Ezzy suggested that instead of the town hiring a full time manager, maybe the Board should look to share a manager with another town. The consensus of the Selectmen was that this would be too difficult a task. Mr. Ezzy also suggested that we share services with the surrounding communities.

**9. New Business:**

- A. New Boiler at the Community Center- Jim Bosse, the Boiler Maintenance man for the Town of Frenchville, suggested that the boiler at the Community Center be replaced. The boiler is leaking and it is over 20 years old. Jim recommended changing all the valves (which are the original ones), and going to a cold start and a small in-line water heater. The total cost would be in the range of \$15,000 to \$20,000. The Board wants to get another opinion from Ken L. Electric and proceed from there.

**10. Unfinished Business:**

- A. Sewer Project update- The Board reviewed the 2015 I & I Corrective Actions Plan from St. Agatha. We should know by Friday morning if St. Agatha agrees with the offer from Frenchville to pay \$10,000 toward the bill for April, May, and June of 2014 and put the remaining \$12,632 in an escrow account. This money will be returned to St. Agatha if they fix their I & I problems by August 15, 2015. Otherwise, Frenchville will keep the funds.
- B. Steve Young's Sewer Flow Report- Steve Young, WWTP for Town of Frenchville informed the Board that St. Agatha is exceeding its flow limit by 4,000 gallons. This adds up to another \$12,000 that St. Agatha should be paying the Town of Frenchville for the buy-in fee. However, Frenchville doesn't want this deal because it takes, up all the extra capacity in the lagoon and prevents Frenchville from adding additional tie-ins to the plant. Steve attributes this extra flow from St. Agatha to some I & I problems with that Town's sewer system.

- C. Agreement with St. Joes Nursing Home- Percy Thibeault will sign this agreement with St. Joe's that relieves the Town of any responsibility for the 4" PVC pipe that runs 212 feet from the new hydrant to US RTE #1. This pipe is on St. Joe's property and is part of the Fire Hydrant Project that the Town of Frenchville conducted in the spring of 2014. A motion was made by Craig Lawrence, seconded by Clarence Roy, to approve this agreement. All in favor. APPROVED.
- D. Disbursement Warrant- John, Percy, and Linda still need to sit down and put this together
- E. Dr. Levesque Gravel Pit- A motion was made by Craig Lawrence, seconded by Camille Bernier, for the Town to pay half the cost of the study to see if closing off half the pit and continuing to use the other half is an available option. All in favor. APPROVED.

**11. Other Business:**

- A. Application for Mountain Springs Trout Farm- A motion was made by Craig Lawrence seconded by Clarence Roy, to accept the license as written. All in favor. APPROVED.
- B. Public Works Management List- The Board reviewed the Public Works Project list that Eric Blanchette prepared for them.
- C. Tabled Items  
Susan Hebert Abatement- A motion was made by Craig Lawrence, seconded by Clarence Roy, to abate the business equipment tax owed by the former cleaning business. All in favor. APPROVED. The Town Manager will see what paperwork has to be filled out.

The ambulance service item will be removed from the Board Tabled items list since this has been taken care of.

The Town Manager will follow up with the clerk to see how Ed Lathan is doing on his agreement with the Town.

A motion was made by Craig Lawrence, seconded by Camille Bernier, to present a resolve honoring the Festival Chautauqua Committee and to award them a \$50.00 gift certificate recognition of their time and effort. All in favor. APPROVED.

- D. Gazebo Project- A motion was made by Camille Bernier, seconded by Clarence Roy, to approve the following people to the Committee for the Gazebo Project; John Raymond, Chair, Don Raymond, Aurel Lavoie, Paul Raymond, Donna Levesque, Percy Thibeault, and Phil Levesque. All in favor. APPROVED.
- E. Maine DOT Meeting- Percy Thibeault discussed the Maine DOT meeting that he attended with Public Works Director, Eric Blanchette. There is no state funding for Towns roads. Fort Kent Town Manager, Don Guimond

informed Percy that they have been trying to get the state to approve the takeover of Church Avenue/North Pearly Brook and use it as a state aid road. This has been going on for three years to no avail. Percy reported that Fred Michaud is on board with the Project along side of US Route 1 that is ongoing.

- F. Town Manager- Percy Thibeault discussed his plan for the interviews. All five applicants will be interviewed. The two from out of town will be interviewed via Skype. The twenty five questions format will also be used. A motion was made by Camille Bernier, seconded by Craig Lawrence to go with this arrangement. All in favor. APPROVED.

**12. Future Meeting Dates:**

March 5, 2015- Interviews start at 6:30pm

March 9, 2015- Skype interviews start at 6:30pm

March 17, 2015-Town meeting at Frenchville Community Center at 7:00pm.

13. Adjourn: A motion was made by Clarence Roy, seconded by Craig Lawrence to adjourn at 8:35pm. All in favor. APPROVED.

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**Board Tabled Items**

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

**Agenda Items for Special Meeting**

1. Gagnon Bridge

