



## Frenchville Board of Selectman Meeting Minutes

Frenchville Town Office

Tuesday, October 10, 2016 6:30 P.M.

**Present:** John Ezzy, Daniel Collin, Yvon Dube, Jamie Voisine, Ryan Pelletier

**Others:** Danna Ayotte, Nicole St. Pierre, Calvin Ouellette, Marie Ouellette, Anne Ezzy, Bern Pelletier, Dave Pelletier, Clarence Roy, Camille Bernier, Gerald Roy, Rachel Raymond, Michael Ouellette, Nancy Dube, Claude Dube, Matthew Fongemie, Carl Sousa.

1. **Call meeting to order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, John Ezzy at 6:30 PM.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. **Public Comment Period:**

Time Opened 6:31pm Time Closed 6:31pm

4. **New Business:**

**A. Road Project:** This meeting was called as an “Emergency Meeting” due to the fact that Lane Construction is scheduled to begin paving the gravel portion of Pelletier Avenue tomorrow morning. There are disagreements regarding a portion of this road which is owned by the Valier Ouellette family.

Some members of the Ouellette family attended the meeting and expressed the following concerns:

- The town does not own the road. Court Injunction will be filed tomorrow morning. Road will be blocked to stop pavers.
- Hot top will not last.
- Farming equipment will damage pavement and Ouellette’s will be blamed and expected to pay for repairs.
- Sanding road causes six rows of fields does not grow.
- Motives by current residents to pave road is to increase values of real estate for future sales.

- Road project should have been separate Articles on Town Meeting Warrant last March. People were tricked into voting to pave the gravel road because they wanted the other roads repaired.

Concerns from residents living on gravel portion of Pelletier Avenue:

- School bus was in the ditch last winter because of conditions of road.
- Ambulance and Fire Trucks will also have difficulty getting to homes located on this section of road in cases of emergency.

Some comments made by the Board of Select People:

- Road has been maintained by the town for many years.
- Judge has ruled that it is a “Public Way”.
- Yvon Dube stated that he parked at the road for four hours last Saturday and saw 31 cars but 5 were the same vehicles going by a second time.
- There are many parts of other roads not deeded to the town which have been paved and maintained. This was hashed out by BOS & Budget Committee.
- Easements were not done as promised.
- Attorney stated Easements would not do any good.
- Someone asked why the town was putting pavement when it was agreed earlier in the summer that chip seal would be applied on that section of road. Town Manager, Ryan E. Pelletier explained that it was cheaper to put pavement because of the late season. Chip seal would have been better option in August but now the weather is too cold.
- John Ezzy stated that real estate taxes will not be going up because of this project.
- Daniel Collin stated that he hopes that the earthwork prevents damage.
- Yvon Dube and Daniel Collin agreed to not continue and cancel pavers for tomorrow morning and worry about increase in cost to pave next year when that time comes.
- If we continue with plans and decide to do as much as possible until served with Court Injunction and trucks are parked on side of road, the town will need to pay whether the paving is done or not.
- Camille Bernier Jr., town resident and citizen, asked why the town was paying for an attorney when they have services from MMA. Town Manager, Ryan E. Pelletier explained that MMA only assists the towns up to a certain point then they recommend the town hire legal counsel.
- Daniel Collin asked Calvin Ouellette what the next step would be if the injunction filed tomorrow wouldn't get approved. Calvin answered that they would hire another attorney.
- Daniel Collin stated that the Board of Select People is attempting to follow what was voted on and approved at the town meeting.

A motion was made by Jamie Voisine to proceed with the paving as the Town People, Board of Select People, and Budget Committee agreed until a Court Injunction is served or we are otherwise contested legally. If no injunction is served, we keep on going. The motion was seconded by Daniel Collin. John Ezzy abstained, 1 vote objecting. 2 votes approving. Motion carries.

**5. Future Meeting Dates:**

- **Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 6:30 pm at the Frenchville Town Office.**

**10. Adjourn:** A motion was made by Jamie Voisine, seconded by Daniel Collin to adjourn at 7:28 pm. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**Tabled Items:**

- 1. Junkyard Permits due October 31.**
- 2. Plumbing & Sewer Fees**
- 3. BOS -Right to Know training**
- 4. Foreclosure**
- 5. Farmer's Market Agreement**
- 6. Denver Avenue Easement**
- 7. Revaluation for 2017**
- 8. Budget Adjustments for Sewer Pipe Break & Dumb Waiter.**