
**Franklin Selectboard Meeting
January 23rd, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall/Zoom hybrid**

Members Present: Dave Bennion, Jay Hartman, Brooks Sturtevant, Justin Rainville, Michael Grant, Jordan Bushey- Asst. Town Clerk

Guest: Josh Worman, Corinna Stanley, Deb Grennon, Yvon Dandurand, Chad Spooner, Jean Richard, Sue Clark, Carole Richard

Virtual: Lisa Larivee- Town Clerk, Jeff Teitelbaum, Wendy Sargeant, Sam Gervais

Call to order

At 6:00 pm Dave Bennion called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Agenda Amendments- none

Public comment period- Chad Spooner- emailed with Dave, he is not disappointed in their decision they made on the sand for Blackwood's, but wishes there was more transparency when they discussed their decision. Would like the board to meet with other members from Blackwood's.

Approve minutes from Jan – Jay/Justin made a motion to approve the minutes from Jan 8th. All members voted in favor; motion passed 5-0.

Highway Dept

- **Certificate of Highway mileage-** Certifying the changes of our road classifications. This includes the changes to Richard Rd and TH 35. Brooks/Jay made a motion to sign the certificate of highway mileage. All members voted in favor; motion passed 5-0. Majority of the board signed.

Town Clerk Concerns-

- Equalization study- Review of State results; CLA is at 65.23%. With the new legislature state method of "statewide adjustment" calculation the CLA used for the education tax rate should be 90.15%. This should help our education tax rate.

Public Budget review/narrative: Dave read over the narrative.

- Chad S- What is the equipment fund- the money goes into savings account for future purchases.
- Corinna S- Wants to know how much for every 100,000 will go up based on the tax amount. \$90.00 per \$100,000.
- Sue C- Building Maintenance; increase from FY24 Budget to actual? - That was for the new furnace. Sidewalk project- balance that was left after using the sidewalk reserve money. Also paved further with the sidewalk.
- Sue C- Ambulance service- Past years there has been ARPA money going towards the yearly cost. Now there is no more ARPA to go towards this. Lisa will get a print out for town meeting with how the ARPA money was spent.
- Sue C- Increase in Library assessment- Past years were including carryover money. Deb explained the library budget.
- Sue C- Highway gravel budget- did not get billed from the previous year, so it rolled over into 2024 actual. Blacktopping increase- there was grant money, and this is offset in the income budget.
- Brooks suggested to have a grant breakdown for town meeting day. In the town report there will be a treasurer's report that will explain the grants.
- Weed harvester? There was nobody to run the weed harvester this year, but will advertise again for this summer.
- Have not sold the old highway truck, because there were significant delays in the new truck production. New truck should be ready by spring
- Library pension – was not included as a line item, because this needs to be paid regardless. This will either be ready and added in the town report, or be an amendment at town meeting.

Warning- read and adopt: Dave read over the warning. Brooks/Mike made a motion to adopt the warning as written. All members voted in favor; motion passes 5-0. Members signed the warning.

Old business:

- **Byam's Update-** David Rugh was in contact with Greta from NRPC on how the brownfields funds will happen. Still waiting on updates from them.
- **Alum Update-** State permits have all been submitted. Town was awarded the funding, and the State will pay this out in 2 parts. The whole process is going along smoothly. LCCA plans to have Keith Pilgrim present at town meeting to explain the process.
- **Sign grant agreement for Luce House-** Need to sign this to accept the grant. If the work never gets done, the grant money would just expire; no loss to the town. Awarded a \$20,000 grant, with matching \$20,000. Justin/Brooks made a motion to sign and approve the grant. All members voted in favor; motion passed 5-0.

Review bills for approval of warrants: Board reviewed bills and signed warrants.

New business: None

Treasurers report: None

Member concerns: None

Adjournment:

- Justin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All members voted in favor; motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Next meeting will be on February 19th, 2025 @ 6:00 pm at the Town Office and virtual.

Respectfully submitted,
Jordan Bushey, Assistant Town Clerk
January 23th, 2025

These minutes are not official until approved at the next regular Selectboard meeting.

These minutes were approved at the February 19th, 2025 meeting.