



**Amended August 9, 2017**

## **Frenchville Board of Selectman Meeting Minutes**

**Frenchville Town Office**

**Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at 6:30 P.M.**

**BOS Present:** Craig Lawrence, Daniel Collin, Yvon Dube, Clarence Roy, Jamie Voisine, Ryan E. Pelletier.

**Others:** Eric Blanchette, Peter Parent, Percy Thibeault, Nicole St. Pierre, John Ezzy, Anne Ezzy, Dave Pelletier, Mike Cyr, Danna Ayotte.

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

**Time Opened: 6:31 pm Time Closed: 6:37pm**

Nicole St. Pierre asked why Pelletier Road was graded. Town Manager answered that the vote taken on June 12 was ruled as invalid by the Judge. Therefore, going by the ruling the road is a public road until the courts deem otherwise and the town must maintain the road.

Nicole St. Pierre stated that the clerk posted information on facebook regarding the July 11 Election which could be considered a conflict of interest. The post mentioned that the ballots included Clarence Roy and that Andrew Nolan had also filed nomination papers but didn't have enough signatures to be on the ballot but he could be voted in as a write in.

Percy Thibeault added that he had concerns that other person could of won because of that post and he feels the clerk is not remaining unbiased.

Nicole St. Pierre asked the BOS how many mistakes would be made before they did something about it.

Daniel Collins replied that it was a mistake and the clerk won't make that mistake again. Yvon Dube said the BOS would look into it.

#### 4. **Minutes of June 20, 2017:**

Motion to approve minutes by Yvon Dube; seconded by Daniel Collin. All in favor.

Motion Carries.

5. **Warrants signed and approved:**

WARRANT DATE	ACCT PAYABLE	PAYROLL
6-20-17	40	
6-22-17		41
6-29-17		42
7-6-17		43 & 44
7-7-17	45	
7-13-17		46

6. **New Business:**

**A: Election Results & New Selectman Oath:** Clarence Roy was sworn in to fill the BOS vacant seat until the March 20, 2018 Town Meeting by the Town Clerk.

**B. 2017 Tax Commitment & Update on Tax Bills:** Taxes have been committed. Frenchville was 2<sup>nd</sup> town to commit north of Bangor. The Mil Rate stayed at 25.25%. The town increased their net gain in property values from 2016 to 2017 by \$68,000. Board Members signed the commitment.

**C. Pelletier Avenue Update:** June 12 Special Meeting Votes was legally challenged by John Ezzy. The judge made decision to overturn so votes are invalid. Either petitioners could withdraw the petition or we revote. Nicole St. Pierre called the petitioner, Marie Ouellette and came back stating that Mrs. Ouellette wants a revote to make a point. Motion made by Daniel Collin to have special meeting on August 15; Yvon Dube seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carries.

Town Manager and BOS discussed and reviewed Mike Cyr's last bill. BOS agreed to pay the bill in full. Mike Cyr explained what will come next and said the centerline definition was made on the Pelletier Road.

Town Manager asked Public Works Director to explain the estimates with two options. Bruce Ouellette requested a berm and ditch. BOS had concerns that this request was not mentioned at mediation.

Eric Blanchette, PW Director, explained the two quotes. Quote #1 would not be moving road, not moving the poles and paving the road. The cost would be \$103,000. The balance is \$83,000 in escrow. The second quote would move the poles and the road by 4-5 ft. The cost for this would be \$148,000.

Per John Ezzy, the town approved \$1.35 million last year for this project but we only borrowed \$1.3 million so the town can borrow another \$50,000 without going to the town voters.

Jamie Voisine spoke to Lane Construction Representative, Chip Sheldon and he asked if we could still pave at the same price as agreed last year since it's the same contract. Mr. Sheldon agreed they could probably do that. This would save 10% off the above quotes. Anne Ezzy asked Mike Cyr if he felt the need to move the road.

Anne Ezzy has offered land to Bruce Ouellette to replace the land he would lose but he has not replied to her offer. (This offer from Ann Ezzy to Bruce Ouellette is excluded from the Town of Frenchville. The Town of Frenchville is not correlated in this proposal in such form or way.) If he doesn't agree then Mrs. Ezzy is concerned that the town will close the road. If the road gets closed the Ezzy's have spoken to their lawyer about suing the town.

Per Mike Cyr, Rick Currier is preparing a Conformitory deed to be signed by the land abutters. The purpose of the deed would prevent signers from disputing ownership and access to the road.

Daniel Collin asked Eric Blanchette how feasible option 1 which is to not move the road would be. Mr. Blanchette replied that it would be possible but tight and the Town Manager agreed.

**D. Fire Chief:** Peter Parent requested permission from the BOS to use funds from the Fire Department General Fund Reserve account to purchase Scott Air Tanks. The Fire Department was approved for a grant and Mr. Parent would like to use those funds to pay the town's match.

He also mentioned that the communication system is very poor and it's very hard to understand the calls coming in. He found extra phone lines which have now been disconnected so he would like to use the funds he will save on the phone to purchase a "repeater" from Paul Chasse for \$1500.

BOS doesn't feel motion needs to be made because the general fund is a reserve account for the fire department so they told him he should be able to use the funds as needed for the Fire Department. Everything mentioned is improvements for the fire department so they authorized him to do what he needs to do.

**E. Sheriff Dispatch Service Contract:** Town Manager explained that we need to sign the 2017 contract. Peter Parent mentioned that the Maine State Police also does dispatching. He would like to check the cost difference.

**F. Business Certified Town Request:** Town manager is envious that other towns have this certification and would like to work towards this certification. There is an application process. The BOS told him they would support him with this process.

**G. Equipment Rentals:** Eric Blanchette, Public Works Director, asked the BOS if they want him to share the work between contractors or go with the lowest bidders. Daniel Collin made motion to go with lowest bidders; seconded by Jamie Voisine. All in favor. Motion carries.

**H. Adopting LD725- Local Food and Community Self-Governance Ordinance:** Town Manager is still researching this request. If approved, the Town of Frenchville would create an ordinance regulating local food and water distribution free from state control. Craig Lawrence suggested that the ordinance could include vendors show existing license from the State of Maine and town would keep copy.

## 7. Old Business:

A. **TIFF Update:** Town Manager has been working with Pelletier & Autotronics for their TIFF request but the third party is not communicating. He has left him several

messages and is giving himself a Friday deadline to communicate with him and if he doesn't hear from him he will continue the application.

**8. Other Business:**

- A. **Town Manager Updates:** Town Manager feels Public Works should be doing more weedwacking in town and sidewalks need to be upkept. Research found that the state is responsible to make the sidewalks but the town is responsible to maintain them. BOS supports the Town Manager in directing Public Works in getting this project done.
- B. **Direct Deposits:** Clerk asked the BOS to participate in direct deposit to decrease expenses in pay checks and processing time.
- C. **BYOB Permit:** BOS signed a BYOB permit.

**9. Next Meeting:**

**Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at 6:30 pm at Frenchville Town Office**

- 10. Adjourn.** Motion to adjourn at 7:59 pm made by Daniel Collin, seconded by Yvon Dube.  
All in favor. Motion carries.