

NOTICE
Town of Franklin
Wednesday, December 13, 2023
Special Town Meeting of Electors @ 6:45PM
RE: Sale of Town Land

- **Call to Order**

- Meeting called to order on Wednesday December 13, 2023 @ 6:45 PM CST. Present were Town Board Members Chairman Merlin Fredrickson, Supervisor Tom Clark, Supervisor Dave Brown by phone, Treasurer Julie Brown, Clerk Bree Lien, and Townspeople Dave Oreskovich, Christian Hardie, Cherie Hardie and Sheldon Legreid.

- **Pledge of Allegiance**

- **Approve the Agenda**

- Motion made to approve agenda: Tom Clark. Second: Dave Brown. **Motion Carried.**

- **Discussion regarding Sale of Town Land**

- Christian Hardie addressed the board regarding several concerns. First, he is unsure if the land was purchased or donated. In addition, he raised concerns over liability issues with the landfill before regulations were put in place. Concerned regarding DNR's thoughts on this and if the person who purchased would have the liability. This would require the purchaser to sign a binding agreement of liability. Future liability with possible water contamination is a concern. If town sells, should be public bid and adjoining property owners should get first consideration.
 - Supervisor Tom Clark and Chairman Merlin Fredrickson are in favor of selling the property because as it sits it is not beneficial for the town. Additional clarification and assistance from an attorney would be required. No official procedural closure or accounting of what went into the landfill. No contact made yet with DNR.
 - Chairman addressed the electors asking what they would like to do.
 - Recommendation to first contact DNR and address liability issues
 - Towns association has already been contacted regarding this sale. Electors are the determining factor if board sells or not and electors can determine the sale price or give the authority to town board. If electors authorize board to move ahead with the sale, since it was a town dump will need to stipulate in the deed stating there can be nothing constructed on the property which would disturb the closure of the town dump. Concern regarding possibility the town could be brought back into the picture if something happened down the road.
 - Property is a 6 acre triangle.
 - Unsure if it was purchased or donated.
 - Currently too many unanswered questions to sell it.
 - Discussed cost of actually selling and if it would outweigh the sale price.
 - Dave Oreskovich indicated the revenue from property assessment would benefit in the long run
 - Cherrie- wants to determine who would be liable in the future.
 - An additional meeting will be required at a later date once additional information is available.

- **Adjourn**
 - **Motion to adjourn:** Tom Clark. Second: Sheldon Legreid. **Motion Carried.**

Bree Lien

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