## Town of Francestown Board of Selectmen Meeting August 11, 2008

The meeting being properly posted, and McAuley and Hardwick present constituting a quorum, McAuley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Charlie and Sarah Pyle, Henry Kunhardt, Barbara Jean Carbee and Polly Freese were present in the audience.

The Board discussed having businesses on the new Town website. It was agreed that for the time being we would exclude businesses and revisit the idea at a later date.

Sarah Pyle inquired as to whether or not the Town had the tax maps available on a digitized disc. It was discussed that it would be a good idea to have the tax maps available on the website. Sarah will contact Southwest Regional Planning to see if they have the disc. If SWRP does not have the disc the Board authorized her to contact Normandeau Associates to see if they have one.

Sarah Pyle informed the Board that Melissa Gallagher had resigned from her position as Planning/Zoning Clerk. Sarah suggested the possibly of adding the Planning/Zoning Clerk responsibilities to the Office Assistant position. This will be discussed further at a later date.

Town Hall rental application received from FIHS and signed for Labor Day activities.

Brief discussion regarding lawn mower races down Main Street. Agreed that proper DOT permits will need to be in place as well rules and safety concerns met.

Bullard Hill improvements have been made without permission to access the Hoffman property. The Selectmen agreed that proper permits need to be obtained. Selectman McAuley will contact them.

Jackson Property discussed regarding concerns with erosion. Owner does have a curb cut permit and acceptable septic plans, unknown at this time if a building permit has been applied for. Agreed that erosion control plans may need to be in place. Will check to see if owner has or has applied for both driveway permit and building permit.

Joe Goldspring stopped in the office to inquire about ownership of the class 6 road that is a continuation of Mountain Road just past the turn-around. Selectwoman Hardwick stated that a portion of this road is completely discontinued and is not a public way. Crotched Mountain LLC is the owner and Mr. Goldspring should be directed to them. BOS 08/11/2008 meeting minutes cont.

Selectman Anderson advised the Board via e-mail that Bob Arpin is interested in joining the Budget Committee. Selectman Anderson felt he would be a good fit. Consensus was to have Charlie Pyle contact Mr. Arpin and get back to the Board.

Budget Committee -

The Board met with Charlie Pyle and Henry Kunhardt representing the Budget Committee. Mr. Pyle stated that he would like to receive the excel spreadsheet containing the budget monthly and he will distribute to the Budget Committee members. There was a short discussion about potential budget increases with salt, diesel and the possible shortage of sand.

The paving of Poore Farm Road has been delayed due to rain. As of date Brox will still hold the original price, however, as time goes on the price could increase which could result in not enough money to pave the road. It was suggested to pave as much of the road as we could with the money we have.

Selectman McAuley stated that the current budget status overall, considering the parameters that we're working under aren't too bad.

The Board of Selectmen agreed to meet with the Budget Committee again on September 15, 2008 at which time the Selectmen will be prepared to provide them with a detailed outline of 2009 budget expectations.

The possibility of bi-weekly payroll was briefly discussed and it was determined that at this time there is likely no significant savings and the employees were not in favor.

The Administrative Assistant will look into Certificate of Insurance compliance with regard to 1099 vendors, and send a memo to all department heads reminding them to ask for a Certificate of Insurance from any vendor they may seek on their own.

Selectmen Hardwick and Anderson met with the Town of Deering's Administrator with regard to the perambulation requirement. Deering's last perambulation was done in 1967. According to law, this should be done every 7 years and it is the responsibility of the oldest Town (which is Deering) to initiate.

Polly Freese inquired about the letter being sent to PSNH regarding Bartlett Hill. Selectperson Hardwick stated that a letter has been sent to DES and copied to PSNH.

Library Well report received and complete from Geothermal.

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BJ Carbee inquired about the status of the Clark property on Greenfield Road. Sarah Pyle stated that she has been in contact with Mrs. Clark and is hopeful that the Site Plan application will be received soon. It was the consensus of the Board that if said application is not received by Labor Day weekend both the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board will revisit the matter.

Selectwoman Hardwick expressed concern with the legality of having Chief Bell be a volunteer member on the Highway Safety Committee. After a brief discussion it was agreed to not have Chief Bell as a member of the committee instead they would ask for his opinion.

A letter was received from a neighbor of the ski area with concerns that they are not in compliance with the Town's lighting ordinance. Selectwoman Hardwick moved to send a letter to the ski area, seconded by Selectman McAuley.

Check manifests for 8/4/2008 and 8/11/2008 were signed as well as 4 building permits.

Hardwick moved, McAuley seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:20p.m.

William McAuley

Thomas Anderson

Betsy Hardwick