

## **FRANCESTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Meeting Minutes  
September 8, 2008

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

### **Audience present:**

Mr. And Mrs. Stewart, Chris Danforth, Lisa Stewart, Robin Samuelson, Charlie and Sarah Pyle, BJ Carbee, Polly Freese, Carolyn Woodbury, Harry Woodbury, Martha Cruccioni and Larry Laber.

### **Carolyn Woodbury –**

Carolyn Woodbury inquired what the process would be to change the name of the Town Hall back to its original name of the Francestown Academy. The Board advised her that she would need to submit a petition warrant article with 25 registered voter signatures.

### **Chris Bradford –**

Chris Bradford from Crotched Mountain Ski and Ride met with the Selectmen to respond to a letter written by Larry Laber who believes that the lights are not in compliance with the Planning Board's approval. According to the notice of decision all lighting is to be directed downward below the horizontal plane. According to Mr. Laber the lights shine up. Mr. Laber showed the Board and Mr. Bradford photos taken that would indicate that the lights are pointed upwards. Mr. Bradford stated that it would be of no benefit to the ski area to position lights in this direction. Mr. Bradford invited Mr. Laber and any other residents with concerns to come to the ski area and show him the lights that they feel are not in compliance, he said that he is more than willing to resolve any issues. Sarah Pyle suggested having the Code Enforcement Officer go out to inspect. Mr. Bradford agreed and stated that the lights will be in operation after November 11<sup>th</sup>. McAuley moved to table the issue until the Code Enforcement Officer could do a site inspection and meet with the BOS to discuss. Anderson seconded. Passed 3-0.

### **Ann Stewart –**

Ann Stewart read a letter into the record. A response has been received from the State DOT regarding the Stewarts drainage issue. The Road Agent did speak to McAuley with some concern with regard to the maintenance of the catch basin. After a brief discussion the BOS and the Stewarts agreed that option # 1 from the State DOT was the better choice. Chris Danforth inquired if in the interim sand bags or a curb could be placed. McAuley will have the Road Agent contact Mr. Graham to get a timetable on the project before setting something up temporarily.

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**Antrim Home & Harvest sign –**

The Town of Antrim has requested to place a sign in the town common advertising their upcoming festivities. McAuley stated that per the Town Sign Ordinance, no signs are permitted in the common. After a brief discussion McAuley moved to deny the request, Anderson seconded, Hardwick did not agree. Passed 2-1.

After the audience objected to the above decision, Anderson moved to reconsider. Hardwick seconded. Passed 3-0.

After further discussion, Anderson moved, seconded by Hardwick to allow the sign under the condition that it be put up on September 15 and taken down on September 22 and be placed in "Hoopers Triangle". Passed 3-0.

**Robin Samuelson –**

Robin Samuelson met with the Board to discuss concerns with Code Enforcement. She and her husband had talked with the Building Inspector to see if a building permit was necessary to put up a non-permanent structure. The Building Inspector advised them that any structure over 100 square feet did in fact require a permit. The Building Inspector advised them that they would need to have the plans certified and submitted to the Town along with the building permit. The Samuelson's do not agree saying that it's not a permanent structure, it's a shelter held up by metal poles with all sides open and will be used to store firewood. After a brief discussion Anderson moved to table until the September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting so that they could meet with the Building Inspector. Hardwick seconded. Passed 2-0. McAuley abstained.

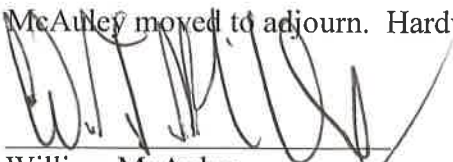
**Manifest Approval-**

Hardwick moved to approve the check manifests. Anderson seconded. Passed 3-0.

**Next BOS Mtg-**

Next Selectmen's meeting will be September 15, 2008 at 6:30p.m.

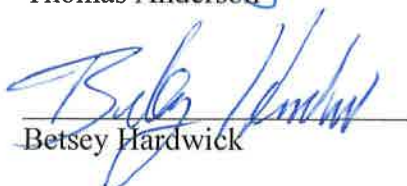
McAuley moved to adjourn. Hardwick seconded. Meeting adjourned 8:00 p.m.



William McAuley



Thomas Anderson



Betsey Hardwick