

## **FRANCESTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

### **Meeting Minutes September 15, 2008**

The meeting being properly posted, and McAuley, Anderson and Hardwick present constituting a quorum, McAuley called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

#### **Audience Present:**

Peter and Robin Samuelson, Charlie and Sarah Pyle, BJ Carbee and Polly Freese.

#### **Personnel Policy:**

Tabled until next meeting.

#### **Audit Summary:**

Board reviewed the Audit Summary and consensus is to schedule a meeting with Dave Clukay of Vachon, Clukay & Company to discuss further.

#### **Conservation Funds –**

McAuley made a motion, seconded by Anderson to transfer \$40,000 from the general fund to the Conservation Fund per Town Meeting 2007, Article 22). Passed 2-0.

#### **6:45 Peter Hopkins –**

The Board met with Peter Hopkins, Building Inspector to discuss a few issues.

##### **1. Crotched Mountain Ski and Ride lights:**

The Board advised Mr. Hopkins that a letter had been submitted by an abutter to the Mountain stating that he felt that the lights were not in compliance. The Board asked Mr. Hopkins to contact Crotched Mountain sometime after the 1<sup>st</sup> of November to do a site visit. Mr. Laber is to be notified in advance of the date and time of the visit,

##### **2. Samuelson's permit concerns:**

The Samuelson's had spoken to the Building Inspector with regard to putting up a pole type structure to store wood in. The structure consists of a metal frame with a sheet metal top and no sides. The Building Inspector advised them that they are required to apply for a building permit and that the plans for the structure would need to be certified per the State building code. The Samuelson's feel that this is far too costly for what the intent of the structure is. They feel that the structure should not be considered permanent. Mr. Hopkins stated that any structure that is anchored to the ground is considered permanent; to be considered temporary the structure must be removed within 180 days. Mr. Hopkins offered to contact the company that is selling the structure to help explain exactly what he is

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looking for. Mr. Samuelson agreed and will contact Mr. Hopkins with the contact information.

**Polly Freese –**

Polly Freese made a complaint that as she was driving towards Peterborough on Greenfield Road there was a gentleman riding his bike towards her on her side of the road who “stuck out his tongue and flipped me the bird”, she also states that he looked directly at her license plate. Ms. Freese feared for her safety, so she contacted Chief Bell, who according to her offered no reassurance. Ms. Freese stated that something needed to be done about this person’s behavior before someone gets hurt.

**Budget Committee –**

**Members Present: Charlie Pyle, Bob Arpin, Nick Wilder, Henry Kunhardt and Becky Moul.**

McAuley stated that we have received some notification from some companies with known increases such as, salt, asphalt, NHRS and PSNH.

There was some discussion about the Police Chief salary and the need to make a plan to make appropriate adjustments.

Becky Moul inquired about the Transfer Station budget, stating that it appeared too low. She was advised that there have been some posting errors from the past that are currently being adjusted.

The sense of the Board was that the town portion of the tax rate should not increase more than the CPI or COLA number. The Budget Committee will meet on Monday, September 22 to draft a memo to go out all departments. Their goal is to meet with the BOS and Departments mid October.

**Perambulation –**

Hardwick moved to appoint Ben Haubrich as an authorized agent for the BOS to perambulate the Town line. McAuley seconded. Passed 3-0.

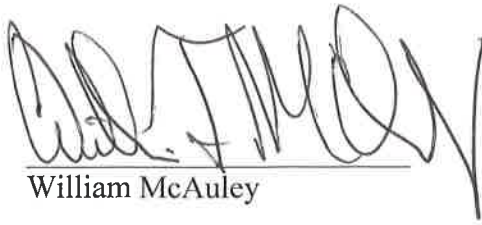
**Items Signed –**

McAuley moved to approve the check manifests. Seconded by Anderson. Passed 3-0.

Next Selectmen’s meeting will be Monday, September 22, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

McAuley moved to adjourn. Seconded by Anderson. Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.

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William McAuley

  
Thomas Anderson

  
Betsy Hardwick