

Approved 9/29

FRANCESTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes
September 22, 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.

Anderson joined the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Audience present:

Doug Farrell, Polly Freese, and Mike Petrovick.

Library Geothermal Update –

Mike Petrovick advised the Board that he has received the design back. He had some concern regarding the cost and whether or not it was included in the cost estimate by Capital Well, but that issue has since been resolved. George Hu is going to redo the design at no charge. He is working with Baybutt Construction who is most likely going to assign the contract to Phinney Plumbing and Heating.

7:00 p.m. Doug Farrell –

Doug Farrell met with the Board to question why he needed to go before the ZBA to replace a shed that had collapsed back in 2002. McAuley stated that you have one year to rebuild. Mr. Hopkins pointed out that if a resident disagrees with his decision, the next step is to go before the ZBA not the Selectmen. Hardwick agreed. Mr. Hopkins gave Mr. Farrell an application to appeal the decision to the ZBA.

Personnel Policy –

Table until next meeting.

Muzzy Hill Road –

There was a brief discussion regarding the need to provide a turnaround at the end of Muzzy Hill Road for the towns plow trucks. Gary Paige has spoken with two property owners on Muzzy Hill Road who are in agreement and are willing to provide a ROW for the Town to make necessary improvements. The Town Attorney will be contacted by the BOS to see what the process entails.

US Cellular –

US Cellular has requested to cut some trees on Crotched Mountain that are interfering with cell phone signals. Hardwick moved to approve subject to approval from the Conservation Commission. McAuley seconded. Passed 3-0.

HEW Communications –

The Board received a response from HEW Communications regarding the Board's recent decision to deny their rent reduction request. Apparently the original letter was

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misinterpreted as a result they asked the Board to reconsider. Anderson moved to deny the request. McAuley seconded. Passed 3-0.

Cemetery Maintenance –

Betsy Wiederhold and Ethel MacStubbs met with the Board to discuss cemetery maintenance contracts for the year 2009. The Selectmen would like to put the contract out to bid this year and they felt that by combining the cemetery and the town into one bid they might be able to get a better price. The Trustees agreed and would like to be involved in the decision-making. In an effort to decrease the cost the BOS suggested changing the number of days that the lawn is mowed from every 7-10 to 10-14. The request for bid specs will include both sets of dates.

PA- 28 Forms –

Anderson moved to not use the PA-28 Inventory Forms. McAuley seconded. Passed 3-0.

Polly Freese –

Letter sent to follow up on last week's complaint. Acknowledged, letter placed in file.

Highway Safety Committee Appointment –

Hardwick moved to appoint Lawrence Johnson as a member of the Highway Safety Committee. McAuley seconded. Passed 3-0.

Shell Vacations –

The Board received a letter from Shell Vacations inquiring if a sign permit was necessary if they were to repaint their current sign. It was agreed that so long as the dimensions did not change there was need to for a permit.

8:10 p.m. Non Public Session under RSA 91-A:3II (b)

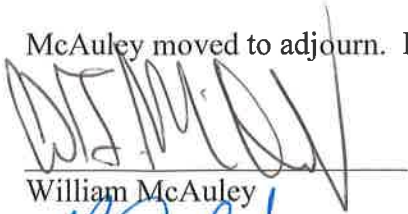
McAuley moved to approve the check manifests. Anderson seconded. Passed 3-0.

Hardwick moved to approve the minutes of September 3, 8 and 15th as written. McAuley seconded. Passed 3-0.

Next scheduled meeting October 6, 2008 for Non Public Session only.

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McAuley moved to adjourn. Hardwick seconded. Meeting adjourned 8:40 p.m.



William McAuley



Thomas Anderson



Betsy Hardwick