

FRANCESTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2008

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

Public Present: Becky Moul, Nancy and Dave Lundgren and Ethel MacStubbs.

Carol Holden –

Carol cancelled her appointment with the Selectmen she will call to reschedule.

Carol Brock –

Carol Brock met with the Selectmen to discuss some concerns with the lock on the front door of the Town Hall. McAuley stated that he is aware and someone will be out this week to look at it.

Carol also wanted the Board to know that the Library has not used any of the oil in the tank at the Town Hall.

The Board let Carl know that the Town Hall will close the day after the Christmas tree lighting ceremony, which is scheduled for December 7, 2008.

7:05 p.m. Nancy Lundgren –

Nancy Lundgren spoke to the Board with regard to increased traffic and high rates of speed on 2nd NH Turnpike North. She states that it appears that delivery trucks and daily commuters use the road as a “short cut”. She suggested having the Town look into doing a traffic study and perhaps putting up a no thru trucks sign. Hardwick stated that Tory Pines is currently in the middle of doing a traffic study and they are working with the Planning Board so perhaps this could be addressed through the Planning Board. Unfortunately, the Lundgrens have experienced some negative confrontation by motorists when they motion for them to slow down. Anderson said that he would bring this to the Chiefs attention.

7:25 p.m. Beck Moul –

Becky Moul addressed the Selectmen on behalf of the Transfer Station Committee with regard to concerns with Transfer Station Personnel. Ms. Moul stated that an employee needed to go home early one day due to sickness, which left only one person at the Transfer Station. The Committee feels this is a very unsafe practice and would like to suggest having a “call list” of available people who could be called if this should happen again. The Selectmen agreed that this is a good idea.

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Becky stated that she would like to put together a 3 ring binder that explains what paper is, what bulky waste is, etc. for the employees to use and have nearby if a resident questions the placement of said material. The Selectmen unanimously agreed that this is a great idea. When complete she will bring into the Selectmen for their approval.

Becky inquired about the status of the budget figures. Anderson said that he is currently going through the haul logs.

Mike Petrovich –

Mike Petrovich met with the Selectmen to update them on the progress of the Library addition. He did state that they were over budget by \$20,000 due to the geothermal project. McAuley stated that Town Meeting only approved \$70,000 so this number could not be adjusted, it would require going to Town Meeting next year. In order to keep the project going the Library Trustees agreed to cover the overage by making adjustments /changes to other items. McAuley made a motion to accept and sign the new contract from Phinney when it arrives. Hardwick seconded. Passed 3-0.

Lawn Contracts –

We have received three bids for lawn maintenance for 2009. The Cemetery Trustees inquired as to why the Selectmen did not advertise. McAuley stated that the Selectmen agreed to send bid requests to selected companies. Betsy Wiederhold stated that the Cemetery Trustees have in the past always put a bid notification in the newspaper and felt that this should be done and they may consider advertising. The Selectmen agreed to review the bids individually and make a decision at their next meeting. Betsy Wiederhold said they would meet to discuss and would like to be notified of the Selectmen's decision.

Later in the meeting Ethel MacStubs informed the Board that the Cemetery Trustees agreed to go with TJ Yard Services bid for the 2009 lawn maintenance.

The Cemetery Trustees provided the Selectmen with a copy of the Francestown Veteran Documentation Project that Ian and Jacob McKay have been working on for the past two years. The book identifies Veteran's from the Revolutionary War up to the Vietnam War. All agreed that the boys did a wonderful job. McAuley made a motion to send a letter of appreciation. Hardwick seconded. Passed 3-0.

Municipal Agent Automation User Agreement –

The Board unanimously agreed to have the Chairman sign the user agreement between the Town Clerk and the State.

Muzzy Road Turnaround Update –

Anderson advised the Board that he has delivered the quit claim deed and dimensions to the Town Attorney he will get it back to us as soon as possible.

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Other Business --

Phyllis Naegeli had inquired about the Welfare Department having it's own checking account. The Board agreed that this required Town Meeting approval.

It has come to the attention of the Selectmen that a former resident of Francestown may still have their kids in the school system. A letter will be sent to follow up on this information.

McAuley moved to approve and sign the check manifests. Hardwick seconded. Passed 3-0.

The Selectmen's Advisory Committee and School Board would like to hold their meeting at the Francestown Town Office on December 3, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The Selectmen agreed to hold this meeting here.

The Board unanimously authorized the purchase of 5 file cabinets for the office.

Items Signed --

Tax Warrant

8:45 p.m. to 9:20 p.m. Non-Public Session RSA 91-A:3 II (a)

McAuley moved to adjourn. Anderson seconded. Meeting adjourned 9:21 p.m.

