

Fracesttown Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2009

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

In Attendance – Barbara Jean Carbee, Polly Freese, Charlie Pyle, Henry Kunhardt, Nick Wilder, Bob Arpin, Elizabeth Lavalley and Monadnock Ledger reporter Josh Bond.

7:00 p.m. Ron Reimer –

The Board met with Ron Reimer, Treasurer to discuss his duties as Treasurer and anticipated departure date. He indicated that on a weekly basis he will come in either Monday night or first thing Tuesday morning to sign the a/p and payroll checks and will monitor the check register. He will also prepare and make deposits. Monthly, he will reconcile the bank statement and monitor the bank balance. At year-end he prepares year-end reports for various funds and the Auditor. He estimates that all requires about 2 hours per week, sometimes more when he needs to reconcile.

7:10 p.m. Budget Advisory Committee –

The Board met with the members of the Budget Advisory Committee to review the current status of the budget. There was some discussion with regard to anticipated revenue from the State. To date, the Town is still unsure about the rooms and meals tax, however, we are pretty certain that we will lose the shared revenue. Charlie Pyle had questioned why the budget reductions from the Highway, Transfer Station, Police and Recreation departments were all showing as coming from salary lines. The Board stated that each department head would be contacted and asked where they would like the reduction to be made. Mr. Pyle indicated that there were various line items that he had questions about and stated that he would make arrangements to discuss/review further with Sherry. The Board will meet with the Budget Advisory Committee and on Monday, July 20th.

7:35 p.m. Vick Reno, Reno Engineering –

Hardwick moved to engage Vick Reno, Reno Engineering to look into the lighting issues at Crotched Mountain Ski and Ride. McAuley seconded. Passed 3-0.

Other Business –

Flags on PSNH Poles –

Charlie Pyle inquired about the status of the application to PSNH for permission to put the flags on the poles. The Board stated that they did receive feed back from the Towns insurance carrier who indicated that Town Council should review the agreement. The Board will forward to the Town Attorney.

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Polly Freese stated that due to overgrown brush the intersection at the horse sheds and route 136 is dangerous for small cars. She said that she is willing to cut the brush with the Boards approval. The Board will contact the Highway department to inquire when the State Prisoners will be here to clear brush.

8:00 p.m. Chief Bell

The Board met with Steve Bell, Police Chief to review the current status of the Police Department. Chief Bell indicated that overall the budget is on track. The Board asked Chief Bell what line item he would like the \$5000 Town Meeting reduction to come from. He indicated that it should come out of Police salaries. Chief Bell stated that in a three-year comparison burglaries are up. Due to increased traffic stops accidents have decreased and because of increased Police presence vandalism has decreased. The Board and the Chief discussed the benefit/need to have on-call coverage instead of having State Police provide coverage. Chief Bell stated that State Police would not respond for animal complaints and at times the response could be significantly delayed; it depends on where in the State they are responding from. Overall, the Chief believes that the benefit out weighs the cost.

8:25 p.m. Non-Public under RSA 91-A:3 II

Anderson moved to enter in non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II. Hardwick seconded. Passed 3-0.

At 8:50 p.m. Anderson moved to return to public session. Hardwick seconded. Passed 3-0.

The Board agreed to swap out the Fire Station outside light for a more energy efficient one.

The Board agreed to have the Highway department remove the remaining shrubs from in front of the Town Office building.

Anderson will contact the Building Inspector to inquire about the status of Camirand's Auto Repair Service.

Anderson inquired if the Church could post events on the Town website. It was agreed to contact Virtual Town Hall and see if other Town allow this.

The Board agreed to send out bid proposals for support and maintenance of the Town computers.

Hardwick moved to approve the 5/18/2009 check manifests. McAuley seconded. Passed 3-0.

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Items signed –

Bridge Aid – Hardwick moved to sign the Bridge Aid applications. McAuley seconded. Passed 3-0.

Intent to Cuts

Anderson moved to adopt the allowable State welfare guidelines as presented by the Welfare Director. Hardwick seconded. Passed 3-0.

Anderson moved to approve the 5/11/2009 Selectmen's minutes as written. McAuley seconded. Passed 3-0.

Anderson moved to adjourn. McAuley seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Miller correspondences