Francestown Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes June 22, 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 7:00 p.m.

In Attendance – Reporter, Josh Bond, Larry Laber, Barbara Jean Carbee, Polly Freese, Charlie Pyle and Sarah Pyle,

7:00 p.m. Fire Chief, Larry Kullgren

Chief Kullgren met with the Board to discuss a grant the Fire Department is applying for. Acceptance of the grant would require the Town to become NIMS compliant. The Chief encouraged the Board to act quickly in contacting various departments and being sure that they follow through with becoming NIMS compliant. The Board unanimously agreed that this is important and will start the process immediately.

7:10 p.m. Felix Kagi – Crotched Mountain

Mr. Kagi did not show for the meeting. Hardwick moved to move forward with hiring Vic Reno from Reno Engineering. McAuley seconded. Passed 3-0.

7:15 p.m. Heritage Commission -

Maureen VonRosenvinge from the Heritage Commission stated that the Commission would like to form a subcommittee to look into the possibility of stimulus money/grants available to improve Town Hall. Ms. VonRosenvinge stated that there is a large group of people that have expressed interest in forming this committee. Hardwick moved to authorize the Heritage Commission to explore available funds for the renovation of Town Hall. McAuley seconded. Passed 3-0.

The Board has received a letter of intent request from Hanson Pipe & Precast for the Pleasant Pond Rd bridge project. After reviewing the Board unanimously agreed to have Anderson sign the letter of intent as we are only committed if the permit is approved by DES.

After a brief discussion the Board unanimously agreed to keep the Transfer Station open for business on Saturday, July 4.

7:45 p.m. Clear Choice Computers -

The Board met with Claire from Clear Choice Computers to discuss two invoices that have been received for work done on the main computer. The Board's main concern is that for the cost of trying to figure out what type of virus the computer was infected with a new computer could have been purchased. The Board unanimously agreed that \$300 was unjustified and agreed to deduct \$300.00 from the invoice.

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7:50 p.m. Waste Disposal Committee – Becky Moul, Paul Ellis and Scott Carbee. The Committee met with the Board to show them the plans for the proposed changes at the Transfer Station. The Committee was looking for the Boards opinion either tonight or at their next meeting so that they can move forward with the bidding process. The Committee was informed that it is the responsibility of the Board of Selectmen to send out the bid request. Anderson moved to approve the plan and move forward to get cost estimates. Hardwick seconded. Passed 3-0.

The Committee expressed concern with the weekly hours of the Transfer Station personnel. As of May 2009 the payroll budget line is at 50% spent. Some of this is attributed to an increase in hours for the burning of brush. The Committee recommends that the Selectmen suggest that the Transfer Station employees provide justification on their payroll worksheet when they exceed their normally scheduled hours.

Hazardous Waste day proposal received for \$5000 from Clean Ventures. Hardwick moved to accept the proposal from Clean Ventures to hold a Hazardous Waste day on September 19, 2009. McAuley seconded. Passed 3-0.

Vern Day met with the Board to discuss options available with regard to a property that is in process for Tax Deeding. Mr. Day is interested in paying the 2006/2007 taxes and the owner would sign a promissory note with the Town for the remaining taxes owed. It was the consensus of the Board to have Anderson contact Town Council for his recommendation and to proceed from that.

Anderson moved to appoint Frank Hanchett as an alternate member of the Heritage Commission. Hardwick seconded. Passed 3-0.

Hardwick stated that she has talked with Town Council with regard to the Crotched Mtn/SBA easement. It was agreed that we needed to pursue the question of the legality of the easement due to improper procedures at the time it was sold. Hardwick will contact Town Council for his recommendation on the best way to do so.

Anderson moved to sign the check manifests for 6/15/2009 and 6/22/2009. McAuley seconded. Passed 3-0.

Two requests for building permits were signed. Two were sent back for more information.

Anderson moved to grant the abatement request of Thomas and Anne Clark. McAuley seconded. Passed 3-0.

Anderson moved to adjourn. McAuley seconded. Meeting adjourned 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sherry Miller