

## **Fracesttown Board of Selectmen**

### **Meeting Minutes**

July 20, 2009

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** – Josh Bond, Polly Freese and Barbara Jean Carbee.

Hardwick moved to authorize Anderson to sign the Contract Amendment Extension of Performance Period for the Pleasant Pond Road bridge project contract # 101297.

McAuley seconded. Passed 3-0.

**7:00 p.m. BAC** – Charlie Pyle, Bob Arpin, Henry Kunhardt and Becky Moul.

The Board met with members of the BAC to discuss the budget. Overall the budget is on tract. The Transfer Station salary line appears to be out of line, but this is due to increased hours for burning brush from the 2008 ice storm. Also, at Town Meeting it was voted to decrease the Transfer Stations “bottom Line” by \$5,000 this amount was taken from the salary line and it was agreed to keep the amount out of the salary line.

There was a discussion about the unexpected need to possibly upgrade the electrical panel at the Town Office, as well as a potential water problem at the Library. Both may need to be addressed this year.

As of this date the Treasurer search has been unsuccessful. The position will remain posted.

The Board confirmed the State budget status with the BAC. Advising that the Highway Block money will not be affected in 2009, but it may decrease in 2010.

The employee benefit package was discussed with the question of whether or not the employees will be asked to contribute towards the monthly cost. At this point the Board stated that no discussion has taken place.

The BAC would like the Board to start thinking about what the goals will be for Salaries and the overall budget for 2010. It was agreed to meet with the BAC again on September 21, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the budget format and set a timeline.

**8:00 p.m. Chief Bell** –

The Board met with Chief Bell to get an update on what is happening within the Police Department. Chief Bell stated that he has a few projects going on. First, he is talking with Fish and Game about the possibility of hosting a Hunter Safety Course.

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The Police Department along with New Boston, Weare and Goffstown Police has applied for a grant for a Witness Advocate. They have been notified that they have been awarded the grant however, they have not officially accepted until they can all meet to discuss the details. Chief Bell explained the grant would allow an advocate to be assigned to victims of various crimes who will assist them through the legal process at no cost the Town.

Chief Bell stated that vandalism has increased. There was some vandalism done to the porta potty at the Town Beach and some smashing of mailboxes.

Chief Bell expressed some concern with the potential for liability issues with using State Police for on call coverage. Apparently there was neighboring Town that had an incident and no Officers State or Local were able to respond due to unavailability. Because no one responded and a crime took place the business owner is threatening litigation. Chief Bell is looking into how this could affect francetown.

Chief Bell is researching a grant called COPS, which will pay for a fulltime Officer for the Town for three years. At the end of the three years the Town is obligated to keep the Officer at the Towns expense. Chief Bell feels that the Town would benefit more from a fulltime Officer as opposed to using several part time Officers. He will gather more data for further discussion during the 2010 budget process.

### **Other Business –**

Anderson moved to approve the request of the Conservation Commission that the Town accept the Executory Interest on the Lord Farm Conservation Easement held by the Francetown Land Trust. The property is currently owned by Byington/Harper and is located on Bible Hill Road, Tax Map 6, Lot 25. McAuley seconded. Passed 3-0.

Motion to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (d) made by Hardwick, seconded by McAuley. The Board entered into nonpublic session at 8:56 p.m.

Motion to reconvene the public session made by Anderson, seconded by McAuley. The Board reconvened the public session at 9:15 p.m.

Anderson moved to seal the non-public session minutes under RSA 91-A:3 (III). Seconded by Hardwick. Passed 3-0.

There was a brief discussion about the posting and availability of various Boards' meeting minutes. Anderson will review and draft a letter to committees.

Anderson moved to adjourn. Hardwick seconded. Meeting adjourned t 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sherry Miller