

Fracesttown Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

August 31, 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, Ann Stewart, Maureen von Rosenvinge, Lisa Stewart, Fire Chief, Larry Kullgren, Charlie Pyle others ?

7:00 p.m. Old Meeting House – Sign request

Trustees of the Old Meeting House, Merrill Beauchamp and Greg Cope met with the Board to request exemption from the Town's ordinance to place a banner across the OMH to advertise their upcoming Antique Appraisal Day. After a brief discussion Anderson moved to authorize the placement of a banner across the OMH. The banner is to be removed at the close of the day September 12, 2009. Hardwick seconded. Passed 3-0.

7:10 p.m. Maureen von Rosenvinge, Heritage Committee representative

Maureen met with the Board to update them on the status of grant research. She indicated that the Town is not eligible based on the 2000 census. She indicated that she has sent a letter requesting assistance/guidance to several State Representatives, and has received some feed back. Maureen will e-mail this information to Betsy to review.

7:20 p.m. Dave Delorey – Assessment Data

Mr. Delory met with the Board to discuss the assessment process. He stated that he felt that the process was unfair and suggested that in the future the Board negotiate certain terms with the company such as making the data available electronically and allowing more time to schedule a meeting. The Board unanimously agreed that while sympathetic to all concerns, specific items could not be addressed as the Board itself has not seen or accepted the update report.

7:45 p.m. Fire Chief Kullgren –

Chief Kullgren met with the Board to request permission to hold a benefit dance at the Fire Station on Saturday, September 19, 2009 to raise donations to assist a member of the department. Anderson stated that he did talk with Primex and they stated that they would prefer no alcohol, however, if it was decided to have alcohol they suggest having a licensed bartender serving who could access the sobriety of individuals. After hearing several suggestions, the Board agreed to have McAuley contact Primex to see if the Town could obtain a host liquor license for the day.

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Other Business –

Laurie Barr brought up some concerns with the decision of having paving work done on Poor Farm Road instead of Pleasant Pond Road. Hardwick noted that the warrant article was to finish paving on the reconstruction project on Poor Farm Road and the Board cannot deviate from what is approved at Town Meeting. Hardwick also noted that drainage and subsurface work needed to be completed on Pleasant Pond Road before it would be ready for paving. Barr questioned the need for that.

Hardwick stated that she spoke with Gary Paige and the bridge project is completed, for an approximate total of just under \$250,000, which is about \$10,000 over budget. This was due to the extra sheet pilings that had to be done and some unanticipated blasting of ledge. There are a few small invoices still to come in, including one from Christopher K. Danforth & Associates who will be completing a project report to be submitted to NH DES as required per conditions of DES approval.

Hardwick wanted it to be known that the bridge project was completed on schedule. She stated that the Board made an error when sending the letter to residents and the information to the Frankestown News; the Board expressed their apologies.

Anderson stated that Bill Gates, the engineer hired by the Town to supervise the project, applauded the exceptional job that Frankestown Sand and Gravel did with the Pleasant Pond bridge project.

Hardwick stated that the Conservation Commission is in the final steps of securing a conservation easement with the Society for the Protection of NH Forests originally initiated in 2006 and as approved by voters at a prior Town Meeting. This was part of the 'match' required for the Shattuck Pond LCHIP project.

The Board discussed the need to appoint a Deputy Emergency Management Director. Chief Kullgren agreed that it would be in the best interest of the Town to have a backup should Paul St. Cyr not be available.

Anderson moved to approve the check manifests for 8/24 and 8/31. McAuley seconded. Passed 3-0.

Library Trustee, Andy Paul mentioned to Hardwick that there is a possible vibration in the geothermal system. He has contacted Pinney Plumbing and Heating. Hardwick suggests following up with a letter.

The Board reviewed an e-mail sent by Lisa Bourbeau 1058 Bible Hill Road concerning damage to her property from road water. It was the consensus of the Board that it would be best to view the property during a significant rainfall.

Anderson moved to adjourn. McAuley seconded. Meeting adjourned 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Miller