Francestown Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes September 14, 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, Arthur and Kitty Houghton, Elizabeth Lavalee, Lisa Bourbeau and Allan Oxman.

2009 Revaluation Update -

Anderson advised the Board that he met with Jim Rice, Cross Country Appraisal Group and Attorney Mayer (separately) to review the assessment update report, Attorney Mayer stated that it appeared reasonable. The Board will review the report individually and will meet on September 21, 2009 to discuss.

The Board agreed to charge .25 per page for each report. The full report will cost \$60.75 and the small binder will cost \$5.50.

Planet Aid –

A representative from Planet Aid has requested to place one of their receptacles somewhere within the Town. The Board unanimously agreed to have one placed at the Transfer Station, as long as it didn't interfer with the contract with the Salvation Army.

AIG Insurance Renewal –

The Town received a request for renewal from AIG. McAuley stated that this request has been coming to the Town in error for the past couple of years. The Town uses Primex only. McAuley will contact.

MS-4 –

Hardwick moved to approve the MS-4. McAuley seconded. Passed 3-0. Anderson signed the approved MS-4.

Personnel Policy -

The Board agreed that once the policy is approved all department heads and fulltime employees will receive hard copies all others would receive a cd.

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Other business -

McAuley moved to approve the check manifests for 9/7/2009 and 9/14/2009. Hardwick seconded. Passed 3-0.

Polly Freese expressed concern that the Board may be setting precedence with regard to a sign about an upcoming Fire Department event placed on a trailer at Town Hall. The Board assured her that they were not and that the sign would be removed on Sunday, September 20.

Arthur Houghton stated that he submitted an intent to cut in May and wanted to know why when the project was near completion he received a cease and desist order. Hardwick explained that when the Board approved the intent to cut back in May they had no concerns with the road. However, when concerns about the road were brought to their attention on Thursday, September 10, 2009 they had a duty to act, which resulted in a cease and desist order. Allan Oxman, Forester for the Houghton's stated that this project has been in process for the last 3 years and felt that the Board could have communicated with them and possibly held off on the paving/shimming until after they completed their project. Hardwick stated that the Town works along with the paving company and highway department and projects need to be done when schedules and weather permits.

Anderson stated that the Town Attorney is speaking with Hopkinton Forestry's Attorney and felt that no further conversation should take place.

Anderson moved to adjourn. McAuley seconded. Meeting adjourned 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Miller