Francestown Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes December 21, 2009 DRAFT

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: Arthur and Kitty Houghton, Police Chief Bell, Fire Chief Kullgren, Dave Kullgren, Lenny Smith, Gary Paige, Lisa Beaulier, Paul St. Cyr, Tom Paige, Brian Delahanty, and Josh Bond.

7:00 p.m. Grapevine scheduled – Canceled

Hardwick moved to sign building permit application for Robert Krmpotich. Anderson seconded. Passed 3-0.

McAuley moved to approve the check manifests for 12/7, 12/10 and 12/21. Anderson seconded. Passed 3-0.

Letter to Recreation Commission -

Hardwick moved to sign as written. McAuley seconded. Passed 3-0.

Letter to Trustees of the Trust Fund -

Hardwick moved to sign the letter to the Trustees requesting funds for expenditures from Town Meeting Warrant Articles. Anderson seconded. Passed 3-0.

Intent to Cut -

Hardwick moved to sign intent to cut request from Herman C. Miller. McAuley seconded. Passed 3-0.

2010 Holiday Schedule -

Anderson moved to approve the 2010 holiday schedule. McAuley seconded. Passed 3-0.

The Board agreed to meet on Monday, January 4, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

Wilson Hill Fire Pond -

During the last storm the Highway department attempted to plow the fire pond access only to find a no trespassing sign placed in a manner that made it impossible to plow. Betsy stated that the Town has deeded access to the Fire Pond and that the Town is obligated to plow this access area. The Road Agent was given a copy of the easement and he will return and remove the snow. Hardwick stated that if he runs into any issues he should call the Police Department and or the Board of Selectmen.

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7:15 p.m. Fire Department / Highway Department -

The Board met with the Fire Chief and Road Agent to discuss the Highway Department personnel deliberately pushing snow onto the monument at the Fire Station. Road Agent Gary Paige read a prepared letter of apology to the Fire Chief and his department. Anderson stated that per the Town's personnel policy disciplinary action taken, but details would not be disclosed. Anderson stated that since it could not be determined if the damage was done by prior to the incident he would personally pay out of his own pocket for any damages. Anderson expressed disappoint with both departments, stating that the ongoing personality issues between the departments must come to an end. Anderson reminded everyone that the ultimate objective for all Town departments, including the Selectmen is the safety of the Town. We are all apart of a team, and must and will work together. Everyone needs to come to an understanding and treat each other with the respect everyone deserves.

Fire Truck Damage -

Hardwick asked Chief Kullgren if he knew what the damages are to the fire truck. Chief Kullgren stated that it should be under \$10000 and that the truck is back in service.

Hydrology Study -

Henry Kunhardt is working on the project and will be submitting an invoice for work done to date. It was stated that he is making progress, however, we will need to carry the warrant article over to keep working on the project. McAuley asked Chief Kullgren if there were any grants available. Chief Kullgren will look into the availability of any grants.

7:30 p.m. Non Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) -

Anderson moved to enter into non-public session. McAuley seconded. Passed 3-0.

Anderson moved to return to public session. McAuley seconded. Board returned to public session at 8:00 p.m.

Fire Department members David Kullgren and Brian Delahanty came back into the meeting and requested to schedule an informal meeting with the Board, Fire Chief and Road Agent. McAuley stated that a meeting with 2 or more Selectmen constitutes a quorum and must be conducted in a public forum. Mr. Delahanty stated that he felt that it would be helpful to hold a meeting in an informal setting to "hash" things out. The Board agreed to designate a Selectperson to attend. After a brief discussion it was agreed that Betsy Hardwick would represent the Board at the meeting.

The Board conveyed to join the BAC meeting downstairs. The adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Miller