Francestown Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes March 8, 2010

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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.

Public Present: Barbara Jean Carbee, Larry Laber and Mike Tartalis.

Hardwick moved to sign the Town Hall rental application submitted by Hilary Graham. McAuley seconded. Passed 3-0. Ms. Graham was advised to have the Certificate of Insurance faxed to the office immediately.

7:00 p.m. Charlie Pyle –

Pyle met with the Board to discuss approving an amendment to article 9 of the FIHS/rec field lease. Pyle stated that Bub Rokes approached FIHS with regard to the recreation committee wanting to install dugouts at the rec filed. Pyle pointed out that per the lease agreement article 9 states no buildings shall be constructed on the premises. The FIHS Board did discuss and had no objection. Anderson moved to sign the addendum to article 9. Hardwick seconded. Passed 3-0.

Streetlights - After a brief discussion it was the consensus of the Board that the added amount to the budget at the budget hearing should be enough to add 3-4 more streetlights along Main Street. The Board agreed that frosted mercury lights with 7000 lumens might be most appropriate.

Anderson and McAuley signed the Assignment of a Power of Termination (or Executory Interest) Under a Conservation Easement that was approved at an earlier meeting.

Anderson moved to approve the 2008 abatement request from SVA-Northeast, LP Map 8, Lot 44 after Cross Country Appraisal Group corrects the address. McAuley seconded. Passed 3-0.

Hardwick moved to approve the check manifest for 2/23, 3/1, 3/2 and 3/8/2010. McAuley seconded. Passed 3-0.

Anderson moved to approve an Intent to Cut pending submission of a bond equal to the anticipated amount to be cut. McAuley seconded. Passed 3-0.

Larry Laber inquired about rumors he has heard regarding improvements to be made at Crotched Mountain Ski Area. The Board stated that a representative from the ski area did attend a meeting with the Board stating that they were looking at extending the summit lift by a couple hundred feet. They also inquired about the Town of Francestown

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becoming a designated Economic Revitalization Zone, which would allow them to apply for stimulus money. No decisions were made and more information was requested.

Mr. Laber asked if more lights were added. The Board is not aware of any added lights. A call can be placed to Reno Engineering to see if they did a light count.

Mr. Laber still has concerns with noise. He stated that he again contacted Chief Bell, who stated that it was out of his jurisdiction and could not respond to his complaint. Mr. Laber asked the Board to talk with Chief Bell to see if there is something he can do.

Carol Brock spoke with Anderson about having a wine and cheese event at the Library on Monday, March 15, 2010. McAuley will contact Primex about obtaining a host liquor license for the day.

Conservation Commission Chair Hardwick requested that the Board of Selectmen approve the acquisition of 52 +/- acres of land located near Russell Station Road using money from the Conservation Fund and to accept donations and grants towards the purchase of the property. A conservation easement will be placed on the property by the Francestown Land Trust as required in order to receive some of the grants and donations. The property is known as Tax Map 3, Lot 46, part of a recently approved lot line adjustment. Anderson moved to approve, McAuley seconded. Passed 2-0. Hardwick abstained.

Anderson moved to authorize the Conservation Commission to expend money to purchase Tax Map 3, Lot 46 and place an easement on said property. McAuley seconded. Passed 2-0. Hardwick abstained.

The Board unanimously approved the April 19-26, 2010 vacation request for Sherry Miller.

It has come to the attention of the Board that property owned by Monica Derr on Clarksville Road is operating a kennel without proper Town approval. The Board agreed to have Peter Hopkins contact her.

Anderson moved to adjourn. McAuley seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Miller