

Fracesttown Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2010

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The meeting being properly posted, and McAuley, Hardwick and Carbee present constituting a quorum, McAuley being the senior Board member called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Present: Lisa Bourbeau, Kitty and Arthur Houghton, Barbara Jean Carbee and Mike Tartalis.

Elect 2010 Chairman –

Carbee moved to appoint Bill McAuley as chairman. Hardwick seconded. Passed 2-0. McAuley abstained.

Review Crotched Mtn Letter –

The Board reviewed a letter from Crotched Mountain Ski and Ride regarding their request for a variance. It was agreed to fax the letter to Town Counsel and McAuley will call to discuss.

Primex –

McAuley spoke with Primex regarding obtaining a single day host liquor license for an event at the Library. Again, Primex was stating not a good idea to offer alcoholic beverages without a licensed insured private bartender. The Board agreed to contact Town Counsel for his thoughts on this.

Sign –

The Bennington Police Department found the Town of Fracesttown's welcome sign at a Bennington home during a recent investigation. The sign is currently in Police custody and may not be released. The Board agrees to get a quote to replace the sign. Primex will also be contacted to see if this is covered under our vandalism policy.

Town Hall cupola repairs –

The Town has been fixing one set of louvers on the cupola per year at Town Hall for a cost of \$900. McAuley suggested doing another one this year. Hardwick thought that it would be best to wait to see what the cost for the sign and Fire Department door will be first.

Clock –

McAuley stated that the Town clock is not working correctly. The Board agreed to have McAuley get a quote for repairs.

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Eagle at Town Hall –

McAuley expressed concern that both eagles are at the Town Hall and if something should happen to the building both would be lost and thought it best to separate. It was agreed that this would be a good idea, however there is no place at this time to put one.

Committee and Board openings –

The Board went through current openings for 2010 committees and boards. Letters will be mailed to current members whose term expires in 2010 and the list will be posted at the Town Office and the Post Office for 30 days.

Other Business –

Barbara Jean Carbee advised the Board that there is an illegally posted speed limit sign on 2nd NH Turnpike North. She expressed concern that if someone received a ticket for exceeding the “posted “ limit the person receiving the ticket could fight it and win. Hardwick stated that unless a traffic study is done the Town cannot legally change speed limits and that a study has not been done.

Scott Carbee pointed out that it might be a good idea to have the Road Agent go around Town and evaluate the need for various signs as conditions have changed.

Hardwick suggested sending a letter to the fire Department and the Woman’s Auxiliary recognizing them for a job well done at Town Meeting. It was agreed to do so.

Scott Carbee suggested that only public use the parking spots in front of the Town Office, officials and employees to park in the back. He also suggested signage to direct patrons to the correct door. It was agreed to look into what was available for signs.

Hardwick suggested holding a well-publicized public meeting and perhaps even specifically invite Main Street residents and business owners to discuss the street light placement options. It was agreed that it would be very helpful if PSNH could send a representative to any such meeting. McAuley will contact PSNH.

It was agreed to have the Road Agent proceed in the removal of trees located within the town’s right-of-way on Mountain Road. A letter will be sent the Neville’s stating same, after conferring with Road Agent about when this would be done.

The Census Bureau inquired about using the Town Offices to hold training sessions. After a brief discussion the Board agreed that they could use the Town Hall.

The Town of New Boston has invited Sherry Miller to attend a training session with them and Primex to learn about personnel folders/contents. This will be held on Wednesday, March 24, 2010.

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The Board agreed to hold Selectmen's meeting every Monday at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

Scott Carbee suggested meeting with department heads on a monthly basis. Hardwick stated that this has been attempted in the past. Scott Carbee also suggested getting all employees together at Town Hall to meet as a group to discuss goals and objectives.

Arthur Houghton expressed concern that the Selectmen's meeting minutes are not accurately reflecting what is said. Hardwick commented that LGC has recommended standards for minutes and that Sherry has a copy of those. It was also noted that the current minutes contain much more detail than in some prior years.

Mr. Houghton asked the Board if legal issue won (Town lost) would cost be put to the taxpayer or would insurance pay? It was noted that it would depend on circumstances, and insurance deductible if applicable.

Mike Tartalis asked if the back door could be fixed. It apparently has some dry rot on the right hand side. The Board will have it looked at.

Mr. Tartalis inquired about the process for tax liens. McAuley stated that after 3 years of back taxes property goes to tax lien. If no money received then foreclosure proceeding will occur. Hardwick stated that the Board of Selectmen could vote to not accept properties under appropriate circumstances, such as when they may a liability to the Town.

Barbara Jean Carbee stated that the Tax Collector said that she is willing to accept weekly payments and felt that it may be helpful to send out a letter to residents suggesting to make weekly payments.

Lisa Bourbeau stated that the economy is not going to improve and asked if the Town would consider offering trading of services. It was stated that it is not legal for the Town to do that.

Mrs. Houghton asked how taxes owed reflected on the Town tax. The Board advised that it doesn't have any effect on the Town calculation.

McAuley moved to approve the check manifests for 3/15/2010. Hardwick seconded. Passed 3-0.

Fatt Man Productions has requested approval for a road race that will go through Francetown on June 13, 2010. The Board would like more detail including need to paint roads, need for Police/EMS and roadblocks before approving (or not).

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The Board signed the 2010 Assessing contract.

McAuley agreed to take all the shredding material to Goffstown when it is ready.

Sherry advised that she would begin work on sorting the material in the boxes in the file room downstairs.

McAuley moved to adjourn. Hardwick seconded. Meeting adjourned at 855 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Sherry Miller