

Francestown Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

March 22, 2010

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

Public Present: Gregg and Ellen Neilly, Geri Bernstein, Dennis Calcut, Larry Kullgren, Tom Anderson.

The Board signed a new signature card for TD Bank adding Scott Carbee as a signer for the Town's General Fund Account.

7:00 p.m. FLT / Conservation Commission Members –

Hardwick moved to accept the Executory Interest under Conservation Easement held by the Francestown Land Trust on the Gregory and Ellen Neilly property tax map 12, lot 4. McAuley seconded. Passed 3-0.

7:15 p.m. Sara Sessions rescheduled her meeting for next Monday at 7:15 p.m.

General Business –

A resident has expressed interest in starting a trash removal business; he will drive around picking up trash at residents houses in Town. The Board agreed that this was acceptable, however no advertising allowed.

Hardwick moved to appoint David Hanlon as a Deputy Forest Fire Warden. McAuley seconded. Passed 3-0.

McAuley stated that he had spoken with Town Counsel with regard to the Ski area lighting issue. He (Bart Mayer) would like to review the Engineer's letter, which has been forwarded.

The Board agreed to the following Ex-Officio positions:

McAuley – Planning Board

Hardwick – Heritage Commission

Carbee – Selectmen's Advisory Committee

Scott Carbee stated that a resident had fallen outside of Town Hall near the tree after leaving Town Meeting. He said that he had spoken with the Road Agent about the need to remove the sidewalk and replace with crushed gravel until a permanent decision/solution could be made. Hardwick and McAuley stated that they would like to look at the sidewalk before any further discussion.

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Gary Paige, Road Agent is looking for permission to dig test holes for reclamation of Pleasant Pond Road and would like the Selectmen to agree that when bids are received and contractor selected he can start the process. The Board unanimously agreed to authorize the Road Agent to move forward.

The Road Agent and Emergency Management Director went around Town to survey damage as a result of the recent floods. Damage is estimated at about \$23,000. FEMA paperwork was completed and picked up by FEMA.

Fire Chief, Larry Kullgren met with the Board to update them on the status of various items. He is still waiting for the door opener estimate. Moving forward with installation of the generator with an install date in April. New tanker should be here before winter 2010.

The Board discussed with Fire Chief Kullgren the need to appoint a Deputy Emergency Management Director. Chief Kullgren and Hardwick agreed that having a Deputy that is also on the Fire Department has its pros and cons. Knowledge wise it's a good thing, but then you lose a qualified fire fighter. It was agreed to add Deputy Emergency Management Director to the open position list.

The Board agreed to hold department meeting as follows:

Highway – Monday, April 12 @ 7:00

Police – Monday, May 9 @ 7:00

The Tax Collector met with the Board to discuss a request from a bank to waive interest fees that accrued from what they called being improperly noticed for back taxes owed. Hardwick moved to forgive/abate the interest from closing date to current, approximately 30.00. McAuley seconded. Passed 3-0.

McAuley moved to accept and sign the MS2. S. Carbee seconded. Passed 3-0.

Hardwick stated that when the Auditors have completed the audit she would like to have a meeting with them to review various things. She also suggested that BAC members might also be interested attending the meeting.

McAuley moved to approve the recommended computer changes made by Twin Bridge Services. Hardwick seconded. Passed 3-0.

McAuley moved to approve the check manifests for 3/22/2010. Hardwick seconded. Passed 3-0.

Hardwick moved to approve the draft letters to Primex, FFD and FFDA. Letters to be signed after Sherry puts them on letterhead. McAuley seconded. Passed 3-0.

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Hardwick commented about a comment that was made at the last meeting about minutes not reflecting meetings accurately. Hardwick, McAuley and Carbee agree that our minutes are fine and are inline with LGC guidelines.

There was a brief discussion about Treasurer and AA duties. A summary has been put together and Hardwick will review with the Town Treasurer.

The Board discussed moving the Town Treasurer to an office downstairs. Hardwick will talk with PB, ConCom and the Cemetery Trustees about their files in that room.

McAuley moved to adjourn. S. Carbee seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Miller