

Fracestown Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

April 12, 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: Barbara Jean Carbee, Tom Anderson, Lenny Smith, Sam Paige, John Paige, George Morgan, Jr. and Timothy Lee.

Hardwick moved to approve the minutes of 3/29/2010 (with minor change) and 4/5/2010. McAuley seconded. Passed 3-0.

7:00 p.m. Highway Department–

The Board met with Gary Paige, Road Agent to get an update as to how his department is running. Gary stated things are going along good; they have started reclamation of Pleasant Pond Road.

Gary stated that he received two bids for shimming and paving. Hardwick moved to accept the Brox contract. McAuley seconded. Passed 3-0.

Gary advised that the sidewalk project at Town Hall started today.

S. Carbee asked if Lenny had been out with the grader. Gary indicated that he has already done many roads. S. Carbee asked if he had been up to Harriet's, Gary said that he has been up there once, its not considered a priority. S. Carbee stated that he had been up there and thought that it deemed more immediate attention, as it was his opinion that the road was dangerous. Gary stated that he would get to it as soon as he can.

Gary advised the Board that because the roads in Bennington were posted he was not able to get product out of the pit so he had to purchase locally. He noted that his budget line item for gravel and equipment rental is taking a big hit due to the floods. He's hoping FEMA funds will come through. The Board will address as needed.

Hardwick let Gary know that a resident had complained about there being no Pleasant Pond Road under construction sign in the downtown area. They did not know until they approached. Gary stated that this was because the road was never closed.

Gary advised the Board that he is aware of the ongoing issue with the boat launch at Scoby Pond.

S. Carbee asked if he knew if there was a beaver. Gary said that there is a beaver and they are trying to trap it.

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Other Business –

Lenny Smith approached the Board looking for permission to operate 4-wheelers on some of the Town class V roads in order to connect to the trails. S. Carbee moved to approve the following individuals: Lenny Smith, Sam Paige, John Paige, George Morgan, Jr., Thomas Paige, Timothy Lee and Jason St. Cyr and one guest (not including family member) to operate OHRVs on the following roads: Woodward Hill Road, Russell Station Road, Old County Road South, Stevens Road, Birdsall Road, Muzzy Road, King Hill Road, Campbell Hill Road and Driscoll Hill Road from May 15 through December 15. Hardwick seconded. Passed 3-0.

Sherry will put together a letter of permission slips that each individual should carry with them. The Board made it clear that the above individuals would be held accountable if any issues arose. The Board would also like to be notified if they encounter any issues with others misusing the roads.

The Board received a right to know request that will be forwarded to Chief Bell.

Hardwick moved to approve the check manifests for 4/6/2010 and 4/12/2010. McAuley seconded. Passed 3-0.

McAuley moved to approve 6 Timber Tax Levy's. S. Carbee seconded. Passed 3-0.

McAuley moved to approve an Intent to Excavate for Tax Map 3, Lot 51. Hardwick seconded. Passed 3-0.

Hardwick inquired as to when the last time the Planning Board checked the reclamation of the pits. McAuley suggests sending them a reminder. Hardwick stated that if we're signing we should make sure the Planning Board is following up on the reclamation process.

Bob Lindgren, Planning Board Chairman sent Hardwick an e-mail asking if McAuley would be able to attend upcoming meetings as some members may need to recuse themselves. McAuley said he would be there.

McAuley will contact the garden club to ask them to remove the pine tree at the Oak Hill turn around due to safety concerns.

Hardwick met with the recreation committee to discuss various issues / procedures. The overall outcome of the meeting was that money received by rec for programs will go directly to the Treasurer and Donna Noonan will authorize payment. Donna Noonan will provide information to Sherry regarding payroll information for Lifeguards.

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Tom Anderson was under the impression that Pat Schell was hired as an employee of the Library not the rec department. Hardwick stated that upon the recommendation of the Library Trustees the Board hired her to work for the Library. The rec committee is using her to provide programs, similar to summer camps.

S. Carbee pointed out stones are pushed off at that the entrance to the park off of rte 136. He would like the Highway Department to push them back. It was agreed that this could be done near the end of the summer.

Scott Jenkins called Hardwick expressing concern about what was stated in a recent newspaper article. He asked the newspaper for a retraction because the article stated that he made the signs at school, which he did not. He also would like the opportunity to submit a bid for the repair or replacement of the sign.

S. Carbee spoke with Chief Campbell about getting the sign back, Campbell needs Bell to contact him regarding getting them back. McAuley will let Chief Bell know.

Hardwick stated that ConCom had hoped to purchase the Stewart property by the end of next week or so and the conservation commission and town counsel would like to know if the Selectmen would agree to abate taxes due after April 1, 2010, assuming it is just 20- 30 days until closing. The Board agreed it would be willing to.

The Board discussed the purpose of the meeting with PSNH next week. The overall intent of the meeting is to discuss placement, lumen options and cobra head types.

McAuley received notification that the Town is responsible to do yearly water tests on the geothermal well. The question arose as to who would be responsible to pay. It was agreed that it would come out of General Gov't.

The Library received an invoice for a plugged toilet at the Library and tank removal. It was agreed that the Selectmen's office will be responsible for tank removal and the plugged toilet is the responsibility of the library. McAuley will talk with the Millers to determine what the cost of tank removal was.

Hardwick moved to adjourn. McAuley seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Miller