#### **Francestown Board of Selectmen**

Meeting Minutes May 10, 2010

# DRAFT

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:** Polly Freese, Tom Anderson, Josh Bond, Lisa Bourbeau, Kitty Houghton, Paul St. Cyr, Barbara Jean Carbee and Larry Kullgren.

Prior to the meeting starting Chairman McAuley wanted to take a moment to recognize the passing of Sam Dawson and David Stewart. Both passed away over the weekend. The Board expressed their condolences to both families.

### Joint Safety Committee -

The Board appointed Bill McAuley, Sherry Miller and Jason St. Cyr to the Safety Committee. They asked Chief Bell if he wanted to designate an Officer or if he wanted to commit himself. Chief Bell will talk to his Officers and get back to them. It was decided that if Chief Bell joins, then they will ask Chief Kullgren to designate a Firefighter, is Chief Bell does not, then they will appoint a Police Officer and Chief Kullgren.

### 7:10 p.m. Chief Bell, Police Department Update -

Chief Bell presented a comparison of past Police activity, which he says is about average. McAuley inquired if the Town ranked similarly with others in the State relative to warnings vs violations. Chief Bell indicated that yes, he feels that we are average.

Chief Bell stated that budget wise he is on track with the exception of the telephone line, which got reduced by the BAC/BOS, which may be problematic.

McAuley asked if there were any major issues with the cruisers. Chief Bell stated that this is the last year for the Tahoe, as next year he will ask for funds to be released from Capital Reserves for replacement. At this point both are running fine.

McAuley inquired about manpower. Chief Bell stated that he has someone in the in process; he is waiting to get a final signature to perform the background check.

S. Carbee asked if it would be possible to have open office hours where an Officer would be available for walk-in service. It was stated that this would be difficult with current personnel, as you would need to have two people on. Hardwick suggests when shifts are overlapping. It is something that he will think about.

Hardwick suggested keeping next year's budget in mind.

Barbara Jean Carbee inquired about reports of break-ins on Pleasant Pond. Chief Bell stated that yes; there have been some reported break-ins of seasonal properties. She asked if there was anything out of the ordinary and if there were any leads. Chief stated that they do have leads, and the common items were copper.

S. Carbee asked if the Association ever talked with him about contact info. He said no, but that it would be a good idea.

Tom Anderson noted that the Police Log for 4/5-4/11 was not in the book. He asked if there was no activity or just not done. The Chief indicated that it should be there, and if it is not, he will submit another copy.

### **Committee Appointments –**

Hardwick moved to appoint Donna Noonan and Bob Rokes to the Recreation commission. McAuley seconded. Passed 3-0.

Hardwick moved to appoint Becky Moul, Gloria Normile and John Arnold, Jr. as Waste Disposal Committee Members. S. Carbee seconded. Passed 3-0.

Highway Safety Committee – Repost

Hardwick moved to appoint Charlie Pyle and Henry Kunhardt as Budget Advisory Committee Members. McAuley seconded. Passed 3-0.

McAuley moved to appoint Betsy Hardwick and Kris Holmes as Conservation Commission Members. S. Carbee seconded. Passed 3-0.

The Board will re-post for two alternate ConCom openings.

Hardwick moved to appoint Lois Leavitt as a Zoning Board of Adjustment Member. McAuley seconded. Passed 3-0.

The Board will repost for 2 additional openings.

Deputy Emergency Management Director Hold

Hardwick moved to appoint Lisa Bourbeau, Tom Anderson, Joanne Miller, Maureen VonRosenvinge and Gary Paige. McAuley seconded. Passed 3-0.

Hardwick, upon recommendation of Cross County Appraisal group moved to deny the abatement application of Christina Dubuque. McAuley seconded. Passed 3-0.

McAuley, upon recommendation of Cross Country Appraisal Group moved to grant the abatement application of Maurice and Carrie Glaude. Hardwick seconded. Passed 3-0.

McAuley, upon recommendation of Cross Country Appraisal Group moved to grant the abatement application of John & Jennifer Rosamond. Hardwick seconded. Passed 3-0.

McAuley, upon the recommendation of Cross Country Appraisal Group moved to grant the abatement request of Albert & Agnes Simoneau, Jr. Hardwick seconded. Passed 3-0.

The Board unanimously agreed to accept, upon recommendation of the Welfare Director the 2010 welfare eligibility requirements.

Hardwick moved to approve the check manifests for 5/3, 5/4 and 5/10. McAuley seconded. Passed 3-0.

Barbara Jean Carbee asked if the heating issue at the Library has been resolved. McAuley stated that he knew that Phinney had been there. He has not heard anything from the Library.

Sherry contacted DES with regard to proper permits, etc. that Go Green will need to remove the appliances from the Transfer Station. She advised that Go Green has met with DES and they have permits and are working with them to see if additional permits are required.

Josh Bond asked for a copy of the Police activity report. McAuley gave him his copy.

Polly Freese stated that the tree at Oak Hill is a safety hazard. McAuley stated that after a conversation he had with them it would be removed in the fall. Barbara Jean Carbee stated that according to the minutes of the Garden Club they intend to root prune in the fall and remove in the spring. McAuley will call.

The Board unanimously agreed to allow the Dawson family to hold memorial services at the ballfield on Saturday, may 15, 2010.

Hardwick stated that Mike Carter from Todd's office that Crotched Mtn Rehabilitation Center has requested permission to use the Town's access road. Access was granted.

Hardwick advised the Board that at the end of the Selectmen/ConCom meeting, Pat Terry from Crotched Mtn. Ski and Ride asked about the status of their request for the Town to consider their grant application for Revitalization. Hardwick informed him that the

Board at a previous meeting reviewed the application, however, they felt that the Town did not qualify.

Steve Walker from LCIP stated that he had received notification that the Mtn was looking into putting up a wind tower to power the Mtn. The Town itself has no knowledge of this.

Barbara Jean Carbee inquired when the abatements and pickups would be complete, as tax bills will be going out soon. Sherry advised that all pickups are complete and entered into the computer. Some abatement requests are complete. The deadline is July 1<sup>st</sup>.

S. Carbee advised that he spoke with Alan Thulander and he ordered a flagpole and will look for reimbursement in the fall. Hardwick inquired if authorization was given and what the cost is. Hardwick is concerned that with the DOL and Library issues the building repair line is going to be depleted.

Chief Kullgren requested permission to get bids for some electrical work that will need to be completed as part of the DOL inspection. The Board agreed.

Chief Kullgren advised that the generator installation is complete and would like permission to dispose of the old generator.

The Board agreed that since no documentation can be found to verify that the Town owns the generator, the Town or Fire Department, they (the FD) could go ahead and dispose of as they wish.

Chief Kullgren provided the Board with a letter to the Fire Department from Geri Berstien. McAuley read the letter. (Letter is attached)

S. Carbee brought up the spring-cleaning at the Transfer Station. He said that it is difficult for the crew to do this during normal operating hours. He also stated that the TS employees do not wish to have uniforms any longer. He said that in the past the Town would provide Carhart jackets.

Maureen VonRosenvinge updated the Board with regard to grants for Town Hall restoration. She stated that the Heritage Commission has been awarded a \$4000 grant.

Maureen advised that Bobby Abbott had resigned and she recommended appointing Michele Ferencsik to complete his term. She also stated that Anne Stewart did not wish to be reappointed.

In light of Mr. Abbotts resignation and Maureen's recommendation, the Board rescinded their previous appointments to the Heritage Commission.

Hardwick moved to appoint Michele Ferencsik as a Heritage Commission Member. McAuley seconded. Passed 3-0.

The Board reviewed the Tax Lien list received from the Tax Collector.

It was brought to the Boards attention that the Library did not include money in their budget for lawn maintenance and Jarest Yard Services has already done some work. Carol Brock is concerned as to where this money will come from.

S. Carbee stated that community service work has been done as part of the Judiciary system at the Transfer Station. The Board agreed that this should not be done without permission from the Board. S. Carbee will ask who authorized them and where exactly the group is from.

Lisa Bourbeau stated that last summer the road crew did work in front of her residence on Bible Hill Road, knocking over her stonewall. She says that water now runs down creating a stream and swampy back yard. She is concerned about the road stuff coming down on top of her well. She also states that they put a culvert on her property without an easement. The culvert was built right where her garden is. She says that a culvert was also put on her neighbor's property that is also causing a problem. The Board agreed to go out and look at the property.

Tom Anderson asked the Selectmen if they had a plan to deed the tax lien property. The Board will talk with the Tax Collector.

Tom Anderson asked the Board if they had any questions about the SAC meeting. He stated that he was there and questions concerning Francestown were asked of him, since there was no representative from the Board there. It was determined that S. Carbee could not have attended because he was never notified.

The Board unanimously agreed to enter into non-public session at 8:25 p.m. under RSA 91-A:3 II (e).

Motion made by McAuley, seconded by Hardwick to not publicly disclose the minutes because it is determined that divulgence of the information likely would render the proposed action ineffective.

S. Carbee moved to adjourn. Hardwick seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Miller