

Fracesttown Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2010

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

Public Present: Polly Freese, Barbara Jean Carbee, Lisa Bourbeau, Kitty and Arthur Houghton, Tom Anderson and Paul St. Cyr.

7:00 p.m. Attorney Springer / Crotched Mtn Road Access –

The Board received a letter from Attorney Springer stating that he felt it unnecessary for him and his client to attend the meeting. He indicated that what is basically needed at this time for their next hearing is for the Board of Selectmen to decide where the gate will be placed. There was a discussion about concerns that someone may run into the gate. It was suggested that a sign be placed indicating “gate ahead”. Also, there are a lot of people who require access and they will need to be notified of the gate. Polly Freese asked what is done. McAuley stated that everyone would be given a key or a combo lock would be used. The Board agreed to meet at the site on Saturday, May 22 at 8:00 a.m. Barbara Jean Carbee asked if the Board would involve themselves in the endangered species. The Planning Board is aware.

7:15 p.m. Betsy Wiederhold

Betsy said that Gary had approached her about the Cemetery rope at the Highway garage. He told her that the DOL had done an inspection and the rope needed to be moved. Betsy would like the rope to be coiled up and placed in the loft, as there is currently a skunk issue in the shed at the cemetery. McAuley will talk with Gary.

Betsy Wiederhold said that when the State angled the road it has caused the wellhead at the bottom of her driveway to be higher than the road causing the plow trucks to catch the lip. The Fire Department did not know the status of ownership. S. Carbee asked Allan Thulander who said that the Town owned it. The Fire Chief said that it is not functional with their new apparatus. Hardwick would like to go out and look at it and McAuley will talk with Chief Kullgren.

Tony Clark submitted a letter to the Selectmen listing properties that are not compliant. The letter does not state what they are in violation of and there is no reference to the Zoning Ordinance. The Board will review further, and will send a response to Clark

7:20 p.m. Pat Terry –

Pat Terry, representing Peak Resorts would like the Board to reconsider their request to have the Town of Fracesttown become a Designated Economic Revitalization Zone. The Board agreed to take another look.

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Barbara Jean Carbee inquired about the lights at Crotched. Letter from BOS has been sent to Crotched indicating that they need to apply for a variance.

A letter has been received from DES stating the need to perform annual water tests for the Library heating system. Question as to who should be responsible for payment Town or Library? Purpose of the tests is to be sure that refrigerant is not leaking. McAuley will call and get more info but all agreed it should probably be the responsibility of the Town.

Kitty Houghton requested that Gary Paige be removed from the Employee Benefits Committee, stating a conflict of interest. Betsy Wiederhold agreed that it was a conflict of interest and ethically wrong. Paul St. Cyr stated that he worked for the Federal Government for years and employees always participated. The Board disagreed that it was a conflict and it was noted that a legal inquiry was made and confirmed that it is not a conflict of interest to have an employee on the committee. Houghton stated that she would start a petition.

Polly Freese asked if wood was still being accepted for the welfare woodshed. She stated that she had a tree fall in her yard and her family would be cleaning up. She asked if they cut it to woodstove length and put it at roadside could the Highway Department pick it up and bring it to the woodshed. McAuley will talk with Gary.

Letter signed by the Board stating that they are not aware of any hazardous waste relative to the Stewart project (tax map 8, lot 48) that Conservation is working on. Kitty Houghton asked who brings up the issue of hazardous waste on a property. Hardwick stated that this came up because ConCom is purchasing property with a State grant and this sort of information is part of the grant requirements

Arthur Houghton submitted a letter to the Selectmen disagreeing with the Towns assessment for his timber tax. His Forester, Allan Oxman provided documentation, which showed what the Houghton's actually received. The Board will review.

S. Carbee moved to approve the check manifest for 5/17/2010. McAuley seconded. Passed 3-0.

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

McAuley moved to approve a building permit for William McNeil. Hardwick seconded. Passed 3-0.

McAuley moved to approve the rental application for Town Hall (community yard sale) for Tonya Dreher and to waive the rental fee. S. Carbee seconded. Passed 3-0.

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The Board discussed the Library discontinuing the lawn maintenance service provided by TJ Yard Services. After a brief discussion it was agreed that until the Library gets back to the Board TJ would continue to provide lawn maintenance at the Library. The Board agreed that even though the Library does not have money in their budget, the lawn still needs to be maintained and payment will be made through their budget.

Hardwick moved to approve the minutes of 5/10/2010 as amended. McAuley seconded. Passed 3-0.

8:23 p.m. – 8:40 p.m. Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (c)

The Board unanimously agreed to add 4 panic buttons to the Town Office.

McAuley stated that he and Gary Paige are scheduled to meet with Lisa Bourbeau tomorrow to review her run off issue.

McAuley moved to adjourn. S. Carbee seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Miller