

## **Francetown Board of Selectmen**

### **Meeting Minutes**

July 12, 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, Kitty Houghton, Lisa Bourbeau, Police Chief Bell, Tony Clark, Fire Chief Kullgren and Tom Anderson.

#### **7:00 p.m. Public Hearing –**

The Selectmen held a public hearing to accept unanticipated revenue from FEMA as a result of the March 2010 flood. There being no public comment McAuley moved to accept approximately \$21,000 reimbursement from FEMA. S. Carbee seconded. Passed 3-0.

#### **Driscoll Hill Road**

It was brought to the Board's attention that the Southerly end of the Class VI Town Road known as Driscoll Hill Road is being used to park cars and that a dumpster is also placed within the right of way. The Board agreed to send a letter to Judy Desmarais advising her that public access must be provided at all times, so she will need to find an alternative place to park the cars. The Board also agreed that the dumpster must be removed within 30 days.

#### **7:10 p.m. Tony Clark –**

Mr. Clark inquired about the status of his letters of complaint that were previously submitted. McAuley stated that some concerns were forwarded to the Building/Code Enforcement Officer and Hardwick stated that some concerns were not legitimate. He asked about the status of his business? He was informed that he must follow the proper procedure. He stated that he attempted to but he said that he was told by Peter Hopkins that Silas would immediately deny him. S. Carbee suggested that he read through the Town's Zoning Ordinance and educate himself on the process and reapply to the appropriate Boards. He was informed that the information is available on the Town website or at the Town Office. He asked about lifting the requirement to have a Police escort since he believes the reasons are unfounded. McAuley stated that as far as he was concerned the ban stays, S. Carbee concurred.

Hardwick asked if the Town Website is being kept to date. Sherry stated that if information is sent, she posts it.

The Board briefly discussed the status of the Francetown town line sign. Ultimately, until the possession of stolen property case is final we can't go forward.

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McAuley will contact the Town Attorney for an update in regards to Crotched Mountain lights.

The Board will ask Peter Hopkins to attend next weeks meeting to get a status report for various outstanding issues.

### **7:20 p.m. Chuck Rolfe –**

Mr. Rolfe met with the Board to discuss the milfoil at Scoby Pond. Harvesting was done in 2009. The 5-year plan was to keep doing it. DES came out and gave their recommendations for spring 2011. He estimates the cost to be around \$15,000. There was some talk about putting as a line item in the budget. Hardwick stated that the Board had previously discussed that, however, they were concerned about where in the budget they would put it. Also, the Town does not have adequate staff to pursue grants handle administration of the project. Hardwick stated that the Board would have no issues speaking at Town Meeting if he would continue preparing grants and acting as the contact person. Hardwick stated that there still may be grant funding available through NH Lake Association. She will see if it is still available. Polly Freese said that there was a good article in the Ledger about milfoil and suggested putting something similar in the Frankestown News to get more residents involved.

McAuley moved to approve the check manifests. Hardwick seconded. Passed 3-0.

The Board received a letter from the State about new voting laws. Training sessions are being held around the State. McAuley suggested that one or all Selectmen and the Moderator attend. Sherry will contact the Moderator to be sure he is aware.

McAuley moved to sign intent to cuts for McDaniel and Hardwick. S. Carbee seconded. Hardwick abstained.

McAuley moved to approve the building permit for Michele Ferencsik. S. Carbee seconded. Passed 3-0.

The Board authorized Gary Paige to proceed with the Hazard Mitigation Grant Application for Juniper Hill Road with the assistance of Dave Gates.

The Cemetery commission is recommending some changes to the Rules and Regulations. The Board will review.

A resident inquired about the requirements to operate a trash removal business in Town. McAuley will contact Town Counsel.

Hardwick advised that the road agent had informed her of a problem with sinkholes at the culvert on Schoolhouse road. S. Carbee stated that the culvert there in disrepair. He stated that Tory Pines is supposed to change. Hardwick stated that the conditional approval was

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for them to change if and when they move forward, to date they have not continued so they are not responsible. Gary needs to dig up and look – he will have the holes fixed.

The Board agreed to have Gary come before the Board in August to provide them with a department update.

Motion to enter into nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3 II (c) made by McAuley. Seconded by Hardwick. The Board entered into nonpublic session at 8:00 p.m.

Motion made by McAuley, seconded by Hardwick, to not publicly disclose the minutes because it is determined that divulgence of the information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of the Board.

Motion to reconvene the public session made by McAuley, seconded by Hardwick. The Board reconvened the public session at 8:30 p.m.

S. Carbee stated that the weight limit posting sign on Pleasant Pond Road is not correct. It was agreed to have Gary cover parts of the sign so that it indicates that Pleasant Pond Road has a 6-ton weight limit.

S. Carbee stated that while going down Rte 47 he came over the hill to find traffic stopped due to equipment in the road because the apron was being paved at Pleasant Pond Road. He said that there was no signage indicating “men working” and that the Highway crew was not wearing the safety vests.

The Board unanimously approved changes to the letter that is given to owners/loggers when intent to cuts are approved.

McAuley moved to adjourn, seconded by S. Carbee. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Miller