

Francestown Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes
September 27, 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: Barbara Jean Carbee, Josh Bond, Donna Noonan, Polly Freese, Lisa Bourbeau, Sara Cox, Police Chief Bell and Denise Buzzell.

7:00 p.m. Becky Moul – Rescheduled to October 18th at 7:00 p.m.

7:05 p.m. Donna Noonan –

Donna Noonan met with the Board to go over the Recreation Departments proposed plans for Halloween. Halloween falls on a Sunday this year all activities will be held on Sunday, October 31st. Trick or treating and associated activities will start at 5:30 p.m. and end at 7:00 p.m. As has been done in past year's Main Street will be closed during this time to accommodate hayrides and activities along Main Street. A parade permit will be submitted by the Recreation Department. Refreshments will hopefully be served at the Town Hall.

Fire Chief Kullgren popped in to state that the electrical bill for upgrades at the Fire Station had been received and that it came in about \$600 less than the estimate. Burke Electric reduced the rate specifically for the Fire Department. Thanks, Burke Electric.

7:10 p.m. Sara Cox and Denise Buzzell –

Sara Cox met with the Board to follow up on a letter that was sent regarding property on Campbell Hill Road. She stated that clean up has begun, however, she is still concerned with ground water contamination. Hardwick stated that a meeting has been scheduled for the Selectmen and the Building / Code Enforcement Officer to go to the property on Monday, October 18 at 6:00 p.m. Denise Buzzell also a neighbor to this property asked if this was a public meeting and could she attend? Hardwick stated that yes; it is a public meeting however, the landowner has the right to refuse to allow anyone on the property. Denise stated that she has photos of several outdated out of state plates, which would indicate that they are not registered. She also stated that they are encroaching on her property line. She has attempted to resolve without involving the Town, but has been unsuccessful. She also has concerns with possible ground water contamination. McAuley stated that the Giza's have been notified of the meeting; if they don't allow access a court order will be sought. Chief Bell stated that they can contact the Police Department anytime and if someone is available, they will come up.

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General Business –

Barbara Jean Carbee, Supervisor of the Checklist confronted the Board about a letter that they sent to a resident regarding his name potentially being removed from the checklist. Ms. Carbee advised that in accordance with their duties the Supervisors sent several letters to residents on the checklists who they believed no longer resided in Town. The letter indicated that documentation verifying that they are in fact still residents must be sent to the Supervisor's within 30 days or they would be removed. She felt that the Board had no business responding to this person and that when the Town Clerk received the letter it should have been forwarded to the Supervisors. Ms. Carbee strongly disagreed with wording of the letter and felt that the Board was not knowledgeable enough in the actual process of name removal to have responded. She will be providing the Board with the protocols.

Polly Freese wanted to know the status of the proper permits for the Francestown Village Store. McAuley stated that the State Board of Health inspects. After a brief discussion, McAuley stated that he would talk with Peter Hopkins to determine who at the State level needs to be contacted.

Hardwick informed the Board that the Conservation Commission received a letter from Eastern Fat Tires advising that they had a very successful ride and sent a \$100 donation to the Conservation Commission.

McAuley moved to approve the donation for the Conservation. S. Carbee seconded. Approved.

S. Carbee let the Board know that he attended the SAC meeting. There was some talk about moving 5th grade to the elementary schools since enrollment numbers are down in most of the elementary schools.

The Board discussed the Farrell ZBA decision, which S. Carbee recused himself from. The motion for rehearing was sent to Town Counsel last week, when Town Counsel reviewed he suggested some changes. Therefore, Hardwick moved to make the changes and send to Town Counsel for review. McAuley seconded.

McAuley stated that the Town has been awarded a grant from FEMA for the Russell Station Road bridge. A representative from FEMA, Dave Gates and Gary Paige would like to meet with the Board to sign the grant acceptance letter and to review the timeline. The Board agreed to have the meeting on Monday, October 4, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

S. Carbee moved to approve the minutes of 9/20/2010 as amended. Hardwick seconded.

The Library geothermal system is still acting up. Sherry will contact Phinney.

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The Board agreed to sign the multi year contract with Primex.

Sherry will follow up with New Boston and Bennington regarding perambulation.

McAuley moved to approve the building permit and associated driveway permit for Mark Holding. S. Carbee seconded. Passed 3-0.

McAuley moved to approve the check manifest for 9/27/2010. Hardwick seconded. Passed 3-0.

Motion to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) made by McAuley. All agreed. Board entered non-public session at 8:35 p.m.

The Board reviewed the proposed contract and goals and objectives for Chief Bell.

Motion to reconvene the public session made by Hardwick. The Board reconvened the public session at 9:00 p.m.

Chief Bell inquired if there was an intent to cut on East Road. There is not, Hardwick will check it out.

The Board agreed to have the Highway department return to a 5-day workweek beginning Monday, October 18, 2010.

McAuley moved to adjourn, S. Carbee seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Miller