Francestown Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes January 24, 2011

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: BJ Carbee, Lisa Bourbeau and Sarah Pyle.

The Board agreed to sign the Medical Resource Hospital agreement with Monadnock Community Hospital with the changes, additions and deletions as suggested by Primex.

McAuley moved to sign the 2010 Equalization Municipal Assessment Data Sheet Certificate. S. Carbee seconded. Approved.

The Board signed the check manifests for 1/18/2011 and 1/24/2011.

S. Carbee updated the Board on the latest SAC meeting. There is an article approving the teachers' contract which overall represents a cost savings. S. Carbee noted that a no vote would result in a default contract, which will cost 20% more, and a yes vote would be less. He states that the word needs to get out for more people to attend the deliberative session.

The Board went through the prepared draft Town Warrant and made some changes and deletions.

The Board has been informed by the DRA that the Recreation Revolving Fund cannot accept donations or money received from fundraising. Hardwick will talk with Bub Rokes to see how the Recreation Committee would like to proceed.

Sarah asked that the Board consider holding in their possession the traffic counter that the Police Chief is asking for. She feels that if the Board holds onto it, it would be more accessible to other Boards or Departments that can benefit from it. Because the Chief is obtaining this piece of equipment through a grant, the Board will need to look into the grant agreement to see what the rules are.

Hardwick stated that the Pleasant Pond Lake Association may be submitted a petition Warrant Article for the prevention of milfoil at Pleasant Pond.

7:35 p.m. Elaine McClary –

The Board met with Elaine McClary to discuss the cleaning of Town buildings. She stated that she cleans, Town Hall, the Town Office, the Police Department and the Highway Department. Hardwick explained that the Library had reduced their budget by cleaning every three weeks so the thought was that perhaps other Town buildings could be adjusted. It was noted that due to the traffic at the Highway Department they probably couldn't go too long. There was a discussion about the need for this service to go out to

bid. Elaine stated that she had been planning on giving the cleaning up anyway, and advised the Board that they can consider this as her two weeks notice. The Board agreed to put an ad in the paper and to contact three local companies for proposals. It was suggested to only clean the Town Hall just before Town Meeting and or any Town event and to clean the PD and Town Office every other week in the summer and do highway every week.

Motion to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) and RSA 91-A:3 II (d) made by Hardwick. The Board entered non-public session at 8:05 p.m.

Motion made by Hardwick, seconded by S. Carbee, 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.

The Board reconvened the public session at 8:40 p.m.

The Board reviewed the budget. Hardwick stated that the Planning Board made a recommendation to adjust the amounts to be put into reserves to help offset the operating budget. It was agreed that by reducing this year, it will keep the tax rate low, but it will catch up to us later.

It was noted that John Deere would be at the Highway garage tomorrow to fix a problem with the heater in the loader. The Freightliner will be going to CAT due to a skip in the engine.

McAuley moved to adjourn, seconded by s. carbee. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Miller