

## **Fracesttown Board of Selectmen**

### **Meeting Minutes**

January 31, 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:** Charlie Pyle, Tom Anderson, Henry Kunhardt, Lisa Bourbeau, BJ Carbee and Abigail Arnold.

McAuley moved to approve the check manifests for 1/31 and 2/3/2011. S. Carbee seconded. Approved.

The Board discussed the current budgeted amounts for heating oil, fuel, legal and welfare and agreed that due to the current state of the economy it would be best to increase each of those lines.

The Board agreed to support a 2 % COLA for part time employees. BJ Carbee asked if this was for only pt hourly employees and not for elected officials. The Board agreed that it is for part time employees with the exception of the Town Clerk who will be entitled to the increase.

Peter Hopkins inspected the Farrell property and advised that the bathroom in the accessory building had been removed, however water is still going to the building. A building permit has not been received. The Board agreed to have Peter keep insisting on a building permit and to keep checking to see that he complies with the ZBA's decision.

A resident asked the Board for permission to do his community service at the Transfer Station. The Board was fine with it; he is to make contact with George to make arrangements.

BJ Carbee inquired about an answer to a question previously asked about cost for the Russell Station Road project. Hardwick talked with Gary who had advised that it was approximately \$3000 to excavate the ditches.

Tom Anderson inquired about the status of his pending RTK. McAuley advised that we are still waiting for the information from the Sheriffs Department.

Tom Anderson asked under what authority the Board had to enter into a multi year contract. Mr. Anderson felt that under the Municipal Budget Law the Selectmen did not have the authority to enter into the Police Chief's contract therefore they were in violation. S. Carbee stated that the Town did not operate under the Municipal Budget Law. BJ Carbee stated that if this were true most of the surrounding Town's were also in violation as many surrounding town's offer their Police Chief's / Officers contracts. The Board did provide the contract to Town Council and LGC, who did not have any issue with it.

Prior to adjourning it was brought to S. Carbee's attention that the Town does infact operate under Municipal Budget Law.

McAuley moved to adjourn. S. Carbee seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sherry Miller