

Fracesttown Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2011

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

Public Present: Judy Miller, Celia Donovan, Ken and Lisa Campbell, Jenny Fritz, Tom Anderson, BJ Carbee, Henry Kunhardt, Charlie Pyle, Lisa Bourbeau and Sarah Pyle.

S. Carbee moved to appoint Betsy Hardwick as Chairperson until March 2012, Arnold seconded. Agreed.

7:00 p.m. Ken and Lisa Campbell –

Ken Campbell from Dennison Pond Road introduced Celia Donovan who was involved in an accident with her horse on January 22, 2011 on Dennison Pond Road. Mr. Campbell wanted to point out a couple of errors in the Police report. 1. The report stated that the posted speed limit is 30 mph; Mr. Campbell advised that there is no speed limit signs on the road. S. Carbee stated that all class v roads are 30 mph unless otherwise posted. 2. The report states that the driver was traveling 10 mph, he believes that this is not possible as she would have been able to stop. 3. The location of the accident is not correct. Mr. Campbell feels that if the driver had not left the scene, the Police would have seen the exact location. Celia Donovan stated that she was struck with such force that her horse was thrown into the air landing on the hood of the car causing damage to the vehicle. Her horse ran off so she followed it (on foot) back to her barn, where she was met with rescue personnel and the Police. The Police stated that they were going to go back to Dennison Pond Rd and her friend advised that she would go back with them to show where the accident happened, she was advised that they know where it happened. Ms. Donovan asked if the driver would be charged with leaving the scene of an accident and the Chief advised no, stating that it is ok to leave the scene to go to the nearest phone to report the accident. Mr. Campbell asked if the Chief reports to the BOS. Hardwick stated to a certain extent he does. Mr. Campbell asked if he is required to submit MVA, domestic or burglary reports to the Board. He would like to see the Police Department operate in a more efficient fashion. S. Carbee stated that he had been thinking that perhaps the Town could hold a meeting at the Town Hall to discuss resident responsibilities with regard to equestrians, as this is very much an equestrian Town. BJ advised that she was driving on Candlewood Hill Road and came upon three horses; she pulled off into a driveway and let them know that there were other cars coming along. When she looked back they were riding three abreast. Jenny Fritz stated that if you don't ride three abreast cars would not slow down. A New Boston resident read RSA 265:104 which they feel the driver clearly violated. S. Carbee questioned that there is not appropriate signage on the road. Mr. Campbell felt that whether there is a sign or not, it would not have made a difference. Jenny Fritz felt that this is a very embarrassing situation and feels that at the very least the Chief needs to apologize. It was asked if the driver could still face charges. The Board stated that they do not know the answer to that

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question, they will check into it and see what they can find out. The Board will also work towards educating the public.

Other Business:

Hardwick stated that there used to be a policy about checks requests/reimbursements without prior signatures from the Board for small amounts. It was agreed to contact LGC for guidance. Lisa Bourbeau asked if the Board had considered business debit cards. The Board did look into this in the past and agreed that it is not suitable for the Town.

Arnold had spoken with Lisa Bourbeau about putting together a spec sheet for the cleaning position. The Board agreed that it's best to slow down and reassess the overall needs of the Town with regard to building maintenance. Arnold will prepare a letter to the applicants that have already applied to let them know that they will be contacted when the job is better defined.

Arnold felt that the Board should supply answers to a couple of questions that Lisa Bourbeau asked at Town Meeting that did not get answered. Arnold also states clarification should be made as to the cut in the Police budget. She feels that some were not clear as to if the vote was to cut budget line or salary. The Board used to have a column in the Francestown News. BJ Carbee felt that if something is put into the Francestown News, then something should also be put in the Ledger as not everyone reads the Francestown News. She also suggests putting something on the Town website.

A resident asked Arnold about the Town ordinance for not plowing snow across Town roads and how to go about getting permission to do so. Hardwick stated that she is not familiar with the origin of the proposal and does not recall exact wording of the ordinance. She stated that the Board would have the authority to delegate to Gary, Road Agent, as he is the one who would have to deal with the issue; all agreed that such authority would be with the Road Agent.

Sarah Pyle heard some comments about wrong dates for the Planning Board meetings on the website and because of this a meeting was missed. It was also pointed out that the Francestown News still has it listed that the Board meets every other Monday.

The Board agreed that Abigail Arnold will act as Ex-Officio on the Planning Board.

Tom Anderson inquired why the Town of Francestown is listed in the Town Report under Uncollected Taxes as owing \$1,000. It is believed that this is due to timing of a transaction between the Stewarts and ConCom and is to be abated. Hardwick will check on it.

S. Carbee moved to approve the check manifest for 3/14/2011, Arnold seconded. Approved.

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S. Carbee moved to sign the MS 2 as prepared, Hardwick seconded. Approved.

S. Carbee moved to sign the intent to cut requests for Timothy Lee and Arthur and Suzanne Gelinas, seconded by Arnold. Hardwick abstained. Approved.

Motion to enter non public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) made by Hardwick. Roll call vote, Hardwick yes, S. Carbee yes, Arnold yes. 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 render the proposed action ineffective. Roll call vote Hardwick yes, S. Carbee yes and Arnold yes.

Motion to reconvene the public session made by Hardwick, seconded by Arnold. Roll call vote Hardwick yes, S. Carbee yes, Arnold yes. The Board reconvened the public session at 8:55 p.m.

S. Carbee moved to approve the minutes of 3/7/2011, seconded by Hardwick, Arnold abstained. Approved.

Hardwick moved to accept the resignation of Bill McAuley as EMD, seconded by S. Carbee. Accepted.

The Board agreed to add this position to the list of 2011 open positions and post it.

Hardwick moved to adjourn, seconded by S. Carbee. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Miller