

Francestown Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2011

The meeting being properly posted, and Hardwick, S. Carbee and Arnold present constituting a quorum, Hardwick called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Hardwick stated that the purpose for the first hour of the meeting is for a work session and no public comment would be accepted unless initiated by the Board.

The Board reviewed the draft proposal for Janitorial Services and after discussion agreed to put the work as a contracted job and not as an employee position. A copy will be forwarded to Town Council for review, and then advertised as a RFP in the Union Leader and Monadnock Ledger.

7:10 p.m. Gary Paige, Road Agent / Highway Department update –

2 bids received for reclamation, paving and fine grade for 7/10 mile on Pleasant Pond Road. Brox came in lowest, Paige recommended them and BOS approved. Gary advised that the majority of the material used would be supplied by the Town and the Highway Department will supply Town trucks. There is some heavy equipment that the Town does not have; he has quotes for equipment rates and mobilization charges from two local contractors the Board agreed to accept the contractor with the lowest rates, which is Miller Construction. Arnold recused herself from this discussion / decision. Gary stated that he gets State bid price on culverts and that he considers this meets the spirit of the town purchase policy as all suppliers give municipalities state bid price. He asked if the Board agreed that it was ok for him to continue with this process and order the pipe. The Board agreed that this is acceptable. Gary advised that he would like to raise the profile of the road; this will help keep costs down for reconstruction and improve drainage. One or two accesses would be affected but, not a hard fix. If asphalt remains at today's price and money left at the end of 7/10 he would like to continue drainage effort towards Howarth residence with underdrain and culvert work.

Pleasant Pond Road Reconstruction –

7/10-mile full depth reclamation

Excavate 7 culverts

Shoulder work

Cut brush / 27 trees approved by the Planning Board to be removed

Add 1 foot of 4 inch minus gravel to existing road base (not contaminated)

6" of crushed gravel

He received two prices for calcium \$476.00 ton and \$719.60 ton. Has a budget of \$6,000 should be able to get almost all dirt roads done. He advised that he has been in the habit of buying two ton the Board agreed ok to order calcium.

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Gary asked if the Highway crew could again this year start summer hours effective April 18, 2011 with an end date TBD. After some discussion about how this would work during road reconstruction the Board agreed.

Russell Station Road Bridge update –

Gary would like to start final design for the bridge. Chris Danforth is confident that the plan will go through as designed, may be minor changes. Gary advised that the grant funding goes before the Governors Council May 11, 2011 so money should be released soon. Upstream abutter has granted permission for necessary work to be done, but the abutter to the downstream side requested a copy of the wetlands application first. When Chris is done with permit he will bring to the owners attorney for review, no problems foreseen. Pending weather conditions and state DES approval hoping to start work mid to end of June. Permit is very specific to weather conditions. Everyone involved will get together to discuss how they will proceed; a letter will be drafted stating process and schedule. Notice will be put in Francestown News and Sherry will put on website advising on proposed start date, in addition to letters to residents. Gary advised that there needs to be an information person, someone to contact the Police Department, Fire Department, Bus Company, it was commented that perhaps this should be Gary, or Gary in cooperation with someone else, perhaps Sherry. Gary will put together a list for the Board to review. It was recommended to not use Clarksville Road as an alternate route but rather Woodward Hill Rd. Suggestion to have construction zone speed limit reduction if allowed, no thru traffic on Clarksville or close road to all but residents. Gary suggested starting with no thru traffic if that doesn't work, close the road.

Gary would like the Board to consider, depending on weather, unposting a majority of roads next week. The Board would like Gary to advise on April 18, 2011.

Gary asked if he could purchase a steel platform body for the 3500 Chevy. He said that New Boston Truck would give a credit of \$250.00 to be used for inspections, etc. for the existing body. Hardwick would like to know the actual costs. Gary will report back.

The Board reviewed three qualification reports for bridge services for the Town bridges. Gary recommended going with CLD Engineering for the State Bridge Aid. The Board unanimously agreed to go with Gary's recommendation.

Paige asked if it was OK to continue working "mutual aid" with other towns if the opportunity arises. He will notify the Chairman of the Board and at no time will the full crew be out of Town. Hardwick felt that this is a great way to share resources. S. Carbee expressed concern about our vehicle being covered by insurance. Sherry will contact Primex. If we are covered, Board agreed it would be OK to participate.

The Board made Gary aware that they have rescinded the 25 mph speed limit on Birdsall, Oak Hill and 2nh NH Turnpike North and asked him to replace the signs with a 30 mph

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sign if he has some. They would also like him to look at all roads and determine where signs are needed and plan for next year.

Gary advised that he is still working on the inclement weather policy. He will get together with Sherry to complete and present to the Board. When finished he would like to have it put in the Francestown News, posted on the bulletin board and put on the website in an attempt to better educate residents for next year.

8:15 p.m. Henry Kunhardt –

Henry advised that he spoke to a few sources regarding what would be acceptable for documentation for a traffic study to reduce the speed limit on Dennison Pond Road. After a brief discussion it was agreed to have Henry proceed with the understanding that he will review the situation and write a report, which will be stamped and valid.

Items signed –

Brox paving contract
Check manifest for 4/11/2011
M. Lindstrom letter
Application for Current Use
Veteran's Exemption
Moderator appointment

Hardwick moved to approve the minutes of 3/28 and 4/4/2011 (with minor change to 4/4 minutes), seconded by S. Carbee. Approved.

The furnace at the Town Hall cannot be used. Miller's gave an estimate for \$7800. Will seek additional quotes.

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 9:15 p.m.

Motion to reconvene the public session made by Arnold, seconded by Hardwick, roll call vote: Hardwick, yes. S. Carbee, yes. Arnold, yes. The Board reconvened the public session at 9:50 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Miller