Francestown Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes April 18, 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.

7:00 p.m. Abby Dawson –

The Board met with Abby Dawson, CPA to discuss the Towns audit needs. She advised that she no longer does municipal audits. She advised that she did review the Towns 2008 audit and found nothing out of the ordinary. There was a general discussion about the current audit firm only preparing the financial statements and the need for the Town to hire another CPA to do the audit as Mason and Rich indicated that they will not do both. A call will be placed to see what the cost would be for Vachon & Clukay to do the audit and inquire if they would do both. Sherry will follow up on status of 2009 audit and request letter of engagement from Mason & Rich.

7:30 p.m. Dan O'Grady -

Dan O'Grady met with the Board to introduce himself and his wife as the new owners of the Crotched Mountain Golf Course, which includes the restaurant. Mr. O'Grady stated that he needs to apply for a liquor license and one of the requirements is that he needs to submit with his application a letter from the Town indicating that they (the town) have no objection to the Toll Booth Tavern obtaining a license. After a brief discussion S. Carbee moved to sign a letter stating that the Town has no objection. Arnold seconded. Approved.

Items signed -

Check manifest for 4/18/2011 CLD Engineering letter of approval 2 letters denying Veteran's Exemption Excavation Tax

S. Carbee moved to appoint Linda Roche and Stephanie Lee as Alternate Library Trustees. Arnold seconded. Approved.

General Discussion -

The Board discussed what if anything should the fee be for the newly adopted zoning permit. Arnold made a motion to have no fee for a Zoning Permit, seconded by S. Carbee. Approved.

The Board reviewed the Building Inspectors proposed fee schedule. For the time being the fee schedule will stay as is.

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The Board reviewed a letter from a resident of 1058 Bible Hill Road that expressed continued drainage issues. After a brief discussion it was agreed that it would be best to meet on site with the Road Agent. The Board will meet at the site next Monday, April 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Hardwick reported that Town Council has reviewed the cleaning proposal. He made some minor changes. The RFP will be advertised in the Union Leader and the Monadnock Ledger.

Gary Paige notified the Board that both of the posts to the side steps at the Town Office needs to be replaced. He said that highway employee GW Morgan could fix with a wood post (pressure treated) and a small concrete pad. It was noted that the stairs are in pretty bad shape and will need to be totally replaced in the next year or so. The Board agreed to have the posts fixed by Highway, and to also have them fix the overhang side post at the back door.

The Board discussed the status of the Town Hall furnace all agreed that no money in the budget for repair the year and it would be best to talk with the Heritage Commission to see where they are at regarding the study. Hardwick will contact Maureen to see if she can come in next week.

Arnold moved to approve the minutes of 4/11/2011 as written. S. Carbee seconded. Approved.

S. Carbee moved to remove the 6-ton weight limit restriction effective April 19, 2011. Arnold seconded. Approved.

Gary advised that the cost for the body for the Chevy is \$400. It was agreed that it was ok for him to proceed.

Sherry talked with Primex about Highway vehicles being covered if providing mutual aid work to surrounding towns. Primex confirmed that yes the Town is covered. The Board agreed that it is ok to continue.

Arnold presented an article for the Francestown News column (Selectmen's Round Table) all agreed ok.

Motion to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) and RSA 91-A:3 II (c) made by Hardwick, roll call vote: Hardwick, yes. S. Carbee, yes. Arnold, yes. The Board entered non-public session at 8:30 p.m..

Motion to reconvene the public session made by Arnold, seconded by S. Carbee, roll call vote: Hardwick, yes. S. Carbee, yes. Arnold, yes. The Board reconvened the public session at 9:15 p.m.

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The Board discussed an ongoing issue of not receiving town mail. Sherry will talk with the Postmaster again.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sherry Miller