

Francestown Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

April 25, 2011

Hardwick, S. Carbee and Arnold met at 1058 Bible Hill Road at 6:30 p.m. to review a reported water/drainage problem with Road Agent Paige and the resident of the property. The Board met back at the Town Office where Hardwick called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

7:20 p.m. Brian from WiValley regarding HEW Communication Tower –

Brian Foucher met with the Board to discuss plans to sure up the tower that is located on Crotched Mountain and possibly increase the height by 20-40 feet. The Board agreed that it would be in his best interest to contact the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board. Hardwick asked him to come to the ConCom meeting next Monday, May 2 to discuss which he agreed to.

7:30 p.m. Maureen Von Rosenvinge – Heritage Comm.

Maureen met with the Board to update them on the status of the Town Hall Study. At the present time they are trying to find additional structural engineers to submit proposals. Once reports are in the group will hold a public meeting to release the findings. They are planning to go for another round of funds once engineer report is complete. Arnold inquired if RFP were sent. She stated no, she made calls to 10 people with only 3 responding, only 2 who were familiar with the building. She stated that she felt most considered that the job was too small. The Committee is hoping to have structural engineer report by July 1, 2011. Maureen stated that they have almost reached the 50 % match (20.00 short) for the first half. Maureen asked if the furnace needed to be replaced immediately. It was noted that it does not need to be replaced immediately but would mean the Hall could not be used in the colder months, is not repairable and due to budgetary restraints unsure if it can be done this year.

Dennison Pond Road Engineer Investigation –

Henry Kunhardt looked at the lower portion of Dennison Pond Road and submitted an engineering report to the Board. General conclusion of report is that the road is not suitable for a 30 mph speed limit, but suggests consulting with the Road Agent and police Department before determining what action is to be taken. Sherry will forward a copy of the report to both and ask them to report back to the Board.

Items signed –

Letter to Gloria Clark

Check manifests for 4/19 and 4/25/2011

Demolition permit for Crotched Mtn Golf Club

Alternate Library Trustee appointments

Letter to Dan O'Grady

DOT parade permit for Relay Race

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General Discussion –

The Snow Removal policy is still a work in progress. Some changes that Gary needs to look at. When that is complete it will be distributed to the Board for review and then forwarded to Town Counsel for comment.

Hardwick reported that the Conservation Commission is still working on the conservation easement on Crotched Mountain properties with SPNHF. She recently met with Brian from the Forest Society; they are getting ready to close. She indicated that there have been some changes to the easement language since the Board originally looked at it. When it is complete she will provide a copy to the Board for their review and approval.

S. Carbee advised the Board that the Patriotic Purpose Committee would meet the children at FES on Friday, May 27 at 10:00 and march to cemetery #3. Chief Bell has been notified that the road will be closed for a short time. S. Carbee advised that Bestsy Wiederhold had the flags and the geraniums and wreaths need to be ordered.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Miller