

## **Fracestown Board of Selectmen**

### **Meeting Minutes**

May 9, 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. Peter Hopkins – Update**

Peter Hopkins met with the Board to update them on the following:

Giza – Mr. Giza had until April 1, 2011 to clean up various items. Peter took photos of the property on May 6, 2011, which indicated that items have not been removed. After a brief discussion and recommendation of Mr. Hopkins the Board agreed to have Hardwick contact Town Council for instruction on how to proceed.

Farrell – Still waiting for ruling.

Camirand – Before Planning Board

Jackson Driveway – Planning Board notice of decision stated that Jackson would need to engage Chris Danforth to monitor erosion control. There is nothing in the file to indicate that this has been done and there still appears to be an erosion issue as well as wetland concerns. Peter will follow up with Jackson and request documentation that he has been compiling with the notice of decision. Hardwick mentioned looking into the appropriateness of filing a complaint with DES.

Polly Freese asked about the status of the Fracestown Village Store. Arnold advised her that Jason is working with the Planning Board.

#### **Town Hall Rental Fee-**

On hold until we know more about the heating issue and cleaning status.

#### **2010 Audit –**

2009 audit still not received. We received the 2010 audit engagement letter from Mason & Rich which will cost more than the 2009 audit, and Mason & Rich will only provide the MS 5 and financial statements. The Town would need to engage another CPA to perform the audit. Audit RFP's will be sent to four companies recommended by the DRA.

#### **Snow Removal Policy –**

The Snow Removal Policy was reviewed. S. Carbee expressed concern that there was no language in it to remove snow that is piled at Town Hall / Horse Sheds. Hardwick and Arnold agreed that the intent of this policy is for snow and ice treatment during and immediately after storms. It was felt that removing the snow pile from Town Hall is a separate issue. Sherry will forward the policy to Town Council for his review.

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### **General Discussion –**

#### **Charlie Pyle, FIHS –**

Charlie advised the Board that the Pacific Lodge has gifted the property to FIHS. At this point there are no plans to use in any other way than the Lodge did. FIHS is aware that if any changes are proposed they will need to go before the Planning Board for a change of use.

FIHS would like permission from the Board to hold their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual BBQ at the Town Hall (outside) on Friday, June 24 from 6-8:30 p.m. there will be no rain date. The Board agreed that this is fine.

FIHS Board has agreed to help raise funds for a new Christmas tree.

Charlie advised the Board that he received an e-mail resignation from Bob Arpin

Charlie advised that there seems to be some question regarding the ZBA position of Lois Leavitt. It's unclear if she is an alternate or permanent member. Charlie will confirm and get back to the Board.

Hardwick informed the Board that the gate is up at the Crotched Mountain access tower. She pointed out that the approval of the BOS as well as the Planning Board notice of decision require that BOS, Conservation Commission, Police and Fire would have access via key or code. At this point no one seems to have a key or code. It was agreed that Charlie will try to find the phone contact information for Russ, who is project manager, and Hardwick will contact him.

Arnold spoke with a representative from Primex who explained the CAP program to her. The Town is already in a multi year agreement with Primex for WC and Liability insurance the CAP program would guarantee that the rates would not increase more than 7% a year. Charlie Pyle stated that for budgetary reasons it would be good know that each year it will not exceed a 7% increase.

BJ Carbee mentioned that she had asked a while back if there was any indication that the logging operation lawsuit would have any impact on the Town's insurance rate. She said that McAuley advised her that it had not yet. Arnold stated that she was not sure if they gave that kind of detail and that there would likely be other items to be considered not just the logging issue.

#### **Charlie Pierson, Wilson Hill Road speed issue –**

The Board agreed to refer this to the Highway Safety Committee.

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Hardwick received a complaint that there was a rope across the ROW access to Dinsmore Brook Conservation Area, right off of the Turnpike. She removed the rope and took it to the maintenance building but there was no one there so she left it on a picnic table.

Since there has been a change in ownership Arnold suggests sending a letter advising of the easement. Hardwick will draft a letter.

It was noted that there was some interests for the janitorial RFP after the mandatory walkthrough. The Board agreed to accept any proposals that may be received even though no one attended the walk through.

S. Carbee mentioned that Ed Jones had inquired as to when Highway was going to repair his stonewall, he said that he had brought this up back around February. Hardwick will follow up with the Road Agent about the matter.

S. Carbee asked if there was a rotary broom for the Kabota. He stated that as you go up Woodward Hill Road on the right side its all gravel. Motorcycles are out and it would be a good idea to get the sand off the roads. Hardwick advised that she didn't think the Highway Department had started sweeping. Hardwick will check with the Road Agent about plans for sweeping.

Arnold move to accept the resignation of Bob Arpin from the Budget Advisory Committee. S. Carbee seconded. Accepted.

The open position will be posted for two weeks.

Charlie recommends the BOS and BAC meet sometime in June to get an update.

### **Items signed –**

Building permit for Tranchemontagne

Check manifests for 5/4 and 5/9/2011

Primex Cap Agreement – Board authorized Hardwick to sign on behalf of the Board

Patriotic Purposes appointment slips for Scott Carbee, Polly Freese and Betsy Wiederhold

Town Ordinance for Speed Limit on Dennison pond Road

S. Carbee moved to approve the minutes of May 2, 2011 as written. Arnold seconded. Approved.

Hardwick moved to appoint Jenna McClary as an alternate for two years and Polly Freese for three years, and BJ Carbee, Don Shuffleton, and Bob Lindgren as regular members for three-year terms to the Conservation Commission. Arnold seconded. Approved.

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S. Carbee moved to appoint Barbara Caskie to the Heritage Commission for a three-year term. Hardwick seconded. Approved.

S. Carbee moved to appoint Cathy Gombas as a member of the Waste Disposal Committee for a three-year term. Hardwick seconded. Approved.

Hardwick moved to appoint Michael Jones and Charlie Pyle as members of the ZBA and Janet Hicks as an alternate member of the ZBA. S. Carbee seconded. Approved.

The Board discussed having Jim Rice from Cross County Appraisal Group come in sometime to explain how Town owned properties, both buildings and land, are assessed.

Arnold advised that Chief Bell would be meeting at the Fire Station at 7:00 p.m. with the equestrian group. The Board agreed that if available they would attend.

Hardwick moved to adjourn, seconded by S. Carbee. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Miller