Francestown Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes May 23, 2011

The meeting being properly posted, and Hardwick, S. Carbee and Arnold present constituting a quorum, Hardwick called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Motion to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (c) made by Hardwick. Roll call. Hardwick yes, S. Carbee yes, Arnold yes.

The Board entered non-public session at 6:33 p.m.

Motion made by Hardwick, seconded by Arnold, to not publicly disclose the minutes because it is determined that divulgence of the information would likely render the proposed action ineffective. Roll call vote. Hardwick yes, S. Carbee yes, Arnold yes.

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 7:20 p.m.

The Board opened two Audit RFP's received, one from Vachon, Clukay and Company and one from Roberts, Greene and Drolet. Board agreed to check references on both companies. Hardwick will contact the Town's of Greenfield and Bennington and Arnold will contact the others.

RFP Cleaning - Board received references today, Arnold will verify. No decision made.

Sara Cox, WDC member came in on behalf of Becky Moul to request permission to have a tree cut at the Transfer Station. The tree has grown into the chain link fence and is destroying the fence. Sara would also like to utilize the NH State Prisoners for some projects at the Transfer Station. Hardwick will let the Road Agent know that it is ok for him to remove the tree, if he feels it is something the Highway Department can handle, and will let him know that Sara will be contacting him to coordinate utilizing the prisoners.

BJ Carbee stated that there were some trees recently cut in Town and asked if the Highway Department was capable of cutting trees or do we hire out. Hardwick said that it depends on how difficult the removal is. BJ stated that there were trees cut on Ferson Road; she said that trees are to be cut to a manageable size for the homeowner. She said there was a small tree down by the Jonas property, brush was placed along side the road and some trees were cut to 4 foot lengths, but there was some trees cut to 12 foot lengths and left. Hardwick asked if she knew for sure that Highway Department cut the trees and she (BJ) said that did not know who cut the trees. Hardwick will ask the Road Agent if the Highway Department cut the trees.

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S. Carbee would like to add a streetlight at the intersection of Rte 47 and Pleasant Pond Road, as this is a change area for school buses. He would also like a streetlight added to across from 80 2nd NH Turnpike. Hardwick recommended adding a light closer to the Post Office intersection. S. Carbee would rather see it in front of Polly Freese's house as she is having an ongoing issue with BB shots hitting her house. Hardwick said in her opinion the light should be placed where it would have the most public benefit. S. Carbee stated that the cost to add two more lights would be \$211 for the remainder of the year; he will contact PSNH to see if there is a fee to reinstall. Sherry will get cost savings and price per pole for next meeting. Polly Freese stated that she felt that since lights were removed traffic speed on 2nd NH Turnpike has increased.

The Board agreed to meet next Tuesday, May 30, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Items signed – Check manifest for 5/23/2011 Reviewed and initialed impending tax deed properties

The Board reviewed the proposed building permit fee increase request form Peter Hopkins. The Board unanimously agreed to keep the fee schedule at the current rates.

Hardwick reported that she spoke with Jody Connor from DES regarding the concern brought up last meeting about the ski jet seen on Pleasant Pond. He indicated that Marine Patrol classifies some of the newer larger models of ski craft as a boat. S. Carbee asked if they required a boat registration. This was not known for certain. It was suggested that if anyone was concerned about high speed of ski craft or boats on the pond and the impact on the loons there, that a petition could be submitted to DES to put a speed limit on the lake.

Todd Road / Poor Farm Road logging update -

Jesse Bushaw from DRA went out and walked the property and along the river. He said that the logger was doing a good job in the woods and he had no wetland concerns. Bushaw did note that some timber had been cut on the Gilroy's property in order to access the operation. He was gong to contact the logger to see what his plans were as far reporting the timber cut on that property since there is no intent filed. He did also note that some material had been removed from the Gilroy property, he will report that to the gravel department at the DRA to investigate. The Board would like clarification as to why an intent was not needed for the Gilroy property.

Hardwick moved to approve the minutes of 5/16/2011 as amended. S. Carbee seconded. Approved.

Arnold moved to adjourn, seconded by S. Carbee. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sherry MIller