

Francestown Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

May 31, 2011

The meeting being properly posted, and Hardwick, S. Carbee and Arnold present constituting a quorum, Hardwick called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The Board reviewed a letter from the Francestown Village Water Company requesting the Board to name a representative to attend their monthly and or annual meeting and vote as necessary. After a brief discussion the Board agreed to ask for minutes of their meetings and ask them to send the agenda for their annual meeting, which the whole Board can review and then the Board will try to have a representative of the Board attend the meeting. Arnold will draft a letter.

The Board discussed the possibility of creating a Tree Maintenance Policy. It was agreed to consult with the Road Agent and look out for upcoming workshops that will most likely be offered through the UNH t-square program.

The Board also talked about the need to develop an Investment Policy as recommended by the Auditor. Charlie Pyle agreed to work with Arnold.

S. Carbee requested that a streetlight be put in at the intersection of Rte 47 and Pleasant Pond Road. He stated that he is the Selectmen's Representative on the Selectmen's Advisory Board and that they have in the past talked about bussing and the transfer of students at this location in the morning and late afternoon. Hardwick suggested talking with the bus driver to see if she has any concerns. S. Carbee felt that it would be more appropriate to talk directly with the bus company. S. Carbee will call the bus company.

Arnold brought up a concern about Selectman Carbee working for a resident and advocating for something that would benefit the individual he is hired by, Arnold believes that this may be a conflict of interest. S. Carbee strongly disagrees and pointed out that she works for Francestown Sand & Gravel, to which Arnold replied that when discussions and/or decisions involving Francestown Sand & Gravel are involved she has recused herself. S. Carbee then brought up Highway Department employees being related and suggested that that is a conflict. Hardwick said that there were existing limitations on related employees in the personnel policy though part time help was not restricted, and Arnold suggested that changes to that part of the policy could be discussed when making other upcoming changes.

Polly Freese advised that there used to be two streetlights on 2nd NH Turnpike and cars would slow down as they approached the village. BJ Carbee stated that it is completely black since the lights were removed and Polly's house has been hit by BB's on three separate occasions. She also stated that you could no longer walk on the Turnpike at night because it's too dangerous. Hardwick said that according to her information four

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streetlights had actually been removed from the Turnpike, and that she would like the opportunity to drive up the Turnpike to consciously assess the situation. She would also like to hear from the bus company regarding Pleasant Pond Road. Ultimately, we want to make sure lights are added in the best locations.

The Board received a letter back from Russ Putnam with the combination to the gate that was installed at the access road to the cell tower on Crotched Mountain. Hardwick is concerned with the language as it is indicating access is restricted to emergency, conservation and hiking. There should be no limitations as the Town has the same legal rights of access as AT&T. Hardwick will discuss with Town Counsel and draft a letter to them.

Items signed –

FIHS parade permit

Check manifest for 5/31/2011

Building permits – Bourbeau and Mermer

Intent to cut – Eby

S. Carbee moved to nominate Ellen Neilly as Health Officer. Arnold seconded. Approved.

Arnold move to appoint Tom Lowery as an alternate member to the ZBA for a two-year term. S. Carbee seconded. Approved.

Charlie Pyle informed the Board that Richard Barbalato should be removed from the website as a temporary member since there is no such position, and he was only appointed to assist with the cell tower case and that is now finalized.

The Barriers placed along the Police Departments parking lot have been removed. The logging company will be returning later when the area dries out. When they return the barriers will be put back up.

Polly Freese advised that there is a tree in the Town's right of way that hangs over the Road on 2nd NH Turnpike.

Motion to enter non-public session under 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 7:40 p.m.

The Board discussed a tax issue. An agreement will be written and signed by the Board next week.

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Motion to reconvene the public session made by Hardwick, seconded by S. Carbee. The Board reconvened the public session at 8:12 p.m.

Arnold said that she looked at the tree to be removed at the Transfer Station. She said that it appeared to her that by doing so the fence would fall down. It was discussed that maybe we should leave the grapevine as it provides a natural screen.

S. Carbee mentioned that the retaining wall that holds the construction debris is pushing away. At some point the blocks need to be taken out and rebuilt.

S. Carbee talked with the attendants and they felt that if things were moved around the gate could be unblocked and used avoiding the need to purchase a new one.

Hardwick will try to attend one of the Recreation Committee meetings to discuss budget and to make sure they are comfortable with how their trust fund works.

It also suggested having Waste Disposal and Rec Committee come in at some point.

The Board would like clarification of workers comp coverage for baseball coaches, volunteers and people doing community service. Sherry will call Primex.

It was noted that there had been significant property damage done on the Land Trust land on Driscoll Hill Road by a 4wd truck.

After a brief discussion the Board agreed that it would be best to hire an employee for the cleaning of Town buildings. Sherry will contact the previous applicants to schedule interviews for Wednesday, June 8, 2011 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Arnold reported that she spoke with two Towns regarding reference check for Roberts, Green and Drolet. Both Towns are very pleased with availability and performance. Arnold suggested have them come in to meet the Board. Arnold will invite them to come in next Monday, June 6, 2011.

Hardwick informed the Board that an invoice would be forthcoming from PB&H for \$1400. She advised that the Road Agent did obtain quotes and PB&H had the lowest cost.

Arnold moved to approve the minutes of 5/23/2011 as written. S. Carbee seconded. Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25. p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Miller