

TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
OFFICE OF SELECTMEN
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

November 13, 2012

Selectmen Present: Chair Betsy Hardwick, Scott Carbee, and Abigail Arnold

CALL TO ORDER: Betsy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

MOTION: Betsy made a motion to enter nonpublic session seconded by Scott pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c) reputation of someone other than a member of the Board.

Roll Call vote to enter nonpublic session:	Betsy Hardwick	Aye
	Scott Carbee	Aye
	Abigail Arnold	Aye

The meeting room was cleared and the Board entered nonpublic session at 6:30 p.m.

At 6:45 the Board returned to public session having decided to seal the minutes having voted by a vote of 2/3's or greater of the members present to not disclose the minutes and decisions reached therein to the public, as divulgence of the information discussed likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of the public body itself until – in the opinion of a majority of the members – the aforesaid circumstances no longer apply.

The Board recessed the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

The Board reconvened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Also present: Maureen VonRosenvinge & Tom Anderson

Appointments

Maureen VonRosenvinge discussed with the Board the Heritage Commission's check request for bank fees on the Heritage Fund.

She stated LCHIP toured the Town Hall and that Glenn Dodge has been working on an emergency project in Amherst so he is a bit behind on the trusses.

New Business

Scott stated he and Mike did the walking tour for the landscaping proposals earlier today with seven bidders.

Mike stated the budget to actuals through October still looks like the Town will have a healthy amount of the budget unspent at the end of the year.

Old Business

Scott stated he had talked to the Solid Waste Committee about purchasing the paint at Edmund's but not picking it up until next year. The Board discussed if the expense for the paint was worth the effort to coordinate and store it over the winter. Scott stated the compacter does in fact have a lock out mechanism so the expenses still outstanding from the Safety Committee inspection at the Transfer Station may be minor.

Mike updated the Board about the sale of Condo Unit 16, which fell through because of liens for backed condo fees. Mike stated he will discuss with the Board in nonpublic negotiations to come to an agreement with the condo association to release the liens so the sale can go through.

Mike updated the Board about the interviews of assessing contractors. Mike stated Wendy and he interviewed Wendy's top three choices and he recommended that the Board interview Marazoff Assessing. He stated his cost was competitive, he showed the best mastery of the subject, and seemed like the best fit with the Town. The Board agreed to interview Marazoff at their next meeting at 5:30.

Mike stated he is still waiting on one department's budget request. The Board stated that it needs to set up a schedule to meet with department heads to discuss their budgets. The Board agreed to move the meeting with the Budget Advisory Committee to November 26th and to meet with department heads the first few weeks of December. The Board discussed the need to do a site walk at Pleasant Pond Road to review proposed 2013 reconstruction and agreed to try to do this the week of the 26th.

Correspondence

1. Email from Don Jutton from MRI regarding immediate repairs needed on the Town's operating buildings. The Board agreed they would discuss this further at a later date and asked Mike to send this to the BAC.
2. Correspondence from the auditor about needing to have invoices instead of statements and support for reimbursements.
3. Letter from Wyner & Bennett regarding the Town-owned condos.
4. Letter from LGC regarding the check request for the premium holiday – they are able to give a check instead of a credit on the invoice but they will not be able to do so before August 2013.

Items to Sign

1. Grant reimbursement for overtime backfill for Jonathan Holdredge
2. 11/13 Payables Manifest
3. 11/13 Payroll Manifest
4. Report of Cut for Map 6 Lot 29

Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the November 5th minutes as amended.

The Board approved the letter Tax Collector McClary wrote to Janet Stone regarding tax deeding of Condo Unit 11, pending approval of Town Counsel.

MOTION: Betsy made a motion to enter nonpublic session seconded by Scott pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a) hiring of someone as a public employee.

Roll Call vote to enter nonpublic session:	Betsy Hardwick	Aye
	Scott Carbee	Aye
	Abigail Arnold	Aye

The meeting room was cleared and the Board entered nonpublic session at 8:00 p.m.

At 8:40 p.m. the Board returned to public session having decided to seal the minutes having voted by a vote of 2/3's or greater of the members present to not disclose the minutes and decisions reached therein to the public, as divulgence of the information discussed likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of the public body itself and would render a proposed decision ineffective, until – in the opinion of a majority of the members – the aforesaid circumstances no longer apply.

Scott stated that for the Veterans' Day lunch he had Warren Kiblin clean out the Masonic Hall which had been left a mess after Halloween. The Board agreed to pay Warren \$15 an hour for this work as a contractor.

Mike stated Bub Rokes was in the offices today after the mandatory walking tour and stated he wanted to bid on the landscaping project. The Board agreed that because he was not at the mandatory walking tour his proposal would not be considered since it would not be fair to the bidders who did attend.

NEXT BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING: November 19 at 5:30 PM

ADJOURNMENT: Betsy adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Michael Branley

Approved on January 2, 2013

Board of Selectmen Chair Betsy Hardwick

Selectman Scott S. Carbee

Selectperson Abigail Arnold