

Fracestown Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2012

Meeting called to order at 6:02 PM

Betsy Hardwick, Abigail Arnold, Scott Carbee in attendance, Christine Lavery (taking minutes)

Abigail Arnold, questioned the large \$ amount for abuilding permit recently issued for the horse training facility. It was noted that the price per square foot for building permits has gone up from \$.03 per foot to \$.25 per foot for new residential.

Cemetery Commission

Polly Freese brought in a new cemetery deed to be signed by selectmen. B.Hardwick, Select Chair signed.

Town Hall Update

Maureen VonRosenvinge came into update the BOS on the bid process for the current anticipated construction to be done on the Town Hall. She noted the RFP went on the Timber Framers Website and in the local paper. Three requests for plans have been received to date. It also went out to "Construction Summary", a company that many contactors subscribe to in order to be alerted of various projects throughout the state.

On May 24th at 2PM, Peter Michaud, Incentive and Easement Coordinator from the State of NH, National Register Preservation Tax, Division of Historical Resources will be coming to Fracestown to evaluate the Town Hall building for eligibility on the National Registry of Historic Buildings. The Heritage Commission would like to invite the Fracestown Historical Society to attend.

Maureen VonRosenvinge would like to put a display outside the Town Hall showing the progression from the fire to the current construction status. Scott Carbee, suggested she set up a display in one of the horse sheds. The BOS agreed that the horse shed would be an appropriate location.

Maureen VonRosenvinge, Heritage Commission brought in the 1st installment checkof the LCHIP Grant (as a reimbursement on expenses) and a donation check for the Town Hall Restoration.

B. Hardwick made a motion to accept this donation to the Heritage Commission, and all future donations for town Hall renovations; S. Carbee, seconded it, all were in agreement.

Abigail Arnold asked when the next installment will be made; Maureen V. noted she needs to spend the money first, since it is a reimbursement on expenses.

Misc.

Hardwick mentioned that the loggers on the Hall property intend to use the bridge on Old County Rd. South to haul loads that are more than the legal posted weight limit. The road agent has advised the logger that they need to come into the office to provide a surety bond or security deposit before hauling over the bridge. Road Agent is recommending a surety amount of \$10,000, the same amount as required for the recent logging operation on the Kunhardt property for the same bridge. Hardwick has been to the site and the equipment has been moved in and there is a trailer on the landing. BOS asked Administrative Assistant to contact the logger Andrew Gardent to make sure he brings in a surety bond or an escrow deposit in the amount of \$10,000..

B. Hardwick, noted she would like to discuss the duties of the selectmen, and some concerns mentioned to her by S. Carbee. There was some discussion about the authority of the BOS, that it lies with a majority decision of the Board and not that of a single Selectman. Carbee felt that Abigail Arnold, Selectmen should not be paid currently for work done in the administrative offices. Hardwick, noted that they (BOS) had voted Arnold be paid and that if he was unhappy about it he could make a motion to discontinue doing so. There was some discussion about precedent being set, it was noted that a former selectman had also been paid to do clerical work while serving as Selectman. Carbee said that he felt the Admin Assistant and her new clerical assistant should be capable of doing all the routine office work from this point on, and made a motion accordingly. Hardwick agreed.

Police and FHIS Signs

S. Carbee noted that the sign on the Police and FHIS were missing since Alan Thulander was having them fixed/replaced. Initially, former resident Gordon Sherman donated the signs. It was noted that it would have been good to bring the need for repairs to the attention of the Board first.

Signatures

BOS Signed:

- Payroll Check manifest w/e 5/12/2012
- A/p check manifest
- Building Permits approved: Crotched MT Golf foundation permit Map 7-22, and Advent Hill Farm, Map 6-47

Hardwick, select chair voted to have Betsy Wiederhold appointed to the Patriotic Purposes Committee, S. Carbee Seconded, all approved.

BOS agreed to have administrative office continue with the corrections made on the NHRS reporting.

Attorney letter reviewed by BOS which noted the final superior court ruling upholding the Zoning Board of Adjustments and Planning Board decision approving the telecommunications tower.

The office policy and procedures (written by BOS) were reviewed again for details of duties, list of accounting practices added and agreed to by the Board. BOS reviewed the Budget Book. Abigail Arnold, would like to add the YTD budget column and delete the MTD budget column. All agreed to start new format next month. BOS noted they would like more details in the expense account memo line for management purposes. Administrative Assistant agreed to try and put more detail.

Entered into non-public meeting @ 7:17 PM

Came out of non-public and entered back into public meeting at 8:04pm

Discussed variances in the Fairpoint billing. BOS agreed they did not want to change to Comcast at this time.

BOS agreed to meet with the Budget and Advisory Committee regarding the budget on June 25, 2012. Administrative Assistant will communicate with Charlie Pyle and confirm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Approved on September 24, 2012

Board of Selectmen Chair Betsy Hardwick

Selectman Scott S. Carbee

Selectperson Abigail Arnold