

**TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN**  
OFFICE OF SELECTMEN  
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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**

**July 9, 2012**

**Meeting called to order** at 7:01 PM. Betsy Hardwick, Scott Carbee and Abigail Arnold in attendance. Members of public included Tom Anderson, Polly Freese, Judi Miller, BJ Carbee, Boothbys, Maureen VonRosenvinge, Sara Cox, Becky Moul and Gloria Normile.

**Boothby Request for Payment Options.** Patrice Boothby stated logger, who is obligated to pay timber taxes, is bankrupt. Requested extension of due date until they were able to collect. Board advised that Boothby was responsible for the tax and could pay it now and avoid interest or later with interest.

**Heritage Commission Grants.** Maureen VonRosenvinge requested, and received, permission to file for an LCHIP grant.

**Quarterly meeting with Solid Waste Committee.**

Cheshire Fence installed transfer station fence consistently with written estimate. Committee will make recommendation to Selectmen on best way to resolve fence problems at their next meeting.

Committee would like a week whacker at transfer station so weeds along fence line can be controlled. Hardwick will speak with Gary Paige about location of previously purchased equipment.

Committee would like mound of dirt contaminated with glass removed because it is a safety hazard. A planter could replace it. Hardwick will speak with Paige about removal.

Board declined to consider moving the section of the fence between the upper and middle gates closer to the road. Snow blower available if plowing is a problem.

Next meeting with WDC planned for October 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Current Use Update.** Arnold will speak with Rice about costs.

**Primex.** Town has a credit of \$10,695. It is sufficient enough to cover balance of 2012 worker's compensation payments and most of 2013 costs.

**Emergency Management Plan.** Plan needs to be updated periodically so Town will remain eligible to apply for FEMA grants. SWRPC expects to have cost sharing grant available and would like to hear back from us. Information sent to Kevin Holdredge.

**Right-to-Know Request.** Tom Anderson has requested bills and contracts related to copiers and printers in Selectmen's office.

**Accounting.** Arnold will look into need for new account posting income from the sale of recycling bins.

**Highway Department Updates:**

Pleasant Pond: Paige has reported that more blasting than budgeted was required. This will reduce the amount of paving that can be done.

Road sweeper company is doing some testing with a sweeper on Town roads – no cost to the Town.

**Items signed included:** Payroll and Accounts Payable manifests; reports of current use change on Map 8, lots 47, 47.1, 47.2.

**Board voted to enter non public** under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) at 7:55 PM. Board voted to seal minutes. Voted to return to public session at 8:40.

**Pursuant to non-public session,** the Board took the following actions:

Announced Board decision in non-public session to terminate Christine Lavery. The employment relationship with the Administrative Assistant did not work out and the Board of Selectmen regrets that we had to let her go.

**Other:**

Signed payroll manifest for additional checks issued on July 9, 2012.

Designated Arnold to contact Municipal Resources, Inc. and the NH Local Government Center about temporary administrative help and/or recruiting to fill the Administrative Assistant position.

Arnold will help with necessary administrative work on volunteer basis as needed until help is hired. Town office may be closed on days no one is available to cover until other arrangements are made.

Hardwick will rewrite letter to David Stone regarding tax and penalty amounts due on tax deeded Condo unit, adding correct terms, and see that it gets mailed tomorrow.

**Meeting adjourned** at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Abigail Arnold

Approved on July 30, 2012

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Board of Selectmen Chair Betsy Hardwick

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Selectman Scott Carbee

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Selectperson Abigail Arnold