

Francetown Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2012

Meeting called to order at 6:05 PM Betsy Hardwick, Abigail Arnold, Scott Carbee, and Christine Lavery (taking minutes) in attendance.

GZA Environmental, Inc

GZA Environmental, Inc represents the Francetown Village Store. GZA representative requested access for the installation of three (3) monitoring wells behind the store to record the levels of gas found in the groundwater. Access to this location of drilling would require GZA to pass over town-owned property to get to the appropriate elevation. There are an additional two obstacles that need to be addressed to pass through the library property.

- One stone wall would have to be partially removed
- Several small trees would have to be cut down (trees diameter no larger than 3 inches)

This work has already been discussed with Carol Brock. GZA representative will supply the Town of Francetown with a written access agreement and a certificate of liability insurance.

Budget Committee Review

BOS discussed the building maintenance comment from the Budget Advisory Committee. B. Hardwick, select chair, suggested establishing a policy for that expense line. BOS feels this expense line should include smaller, non-discretionary maintenance and repair items. The Town also needs adequate funds set aside for unplanned/ unforeseen maintenance.

Joint Loss Management Committee

Selectman Carbee spoke about the next meeting of the committee and the work that the committee will be doing to bring us up to code with the Department of Labor.

2012 Presidential Primary Polling place checklist for Francetown

Selectmen Carbee spoke about the “ramp deficiency” at the polling place from the attorney general’s office, Department of Justice. The town needs to address it prior to September 2012. Briefly spoke about polling assignments

Town Meeting

Maureen V noted people may want to amend the warrant article at town meeting due to Glenn’s revisions to the renovation. Maureen estimated an additional \$50,000 to complete the stabilization of the Town Hall and would like to request an increase in the warrant article

The BOS agreed to post a public meeting at 5:30 on March 16th, Friday to discuss the new renovation stabilization costs.

Town Hall Discussion continued

Selectmen Carbee noted he has taken care of all set-up at the school for town meeting. Police coverage for Tuesday and Sat. were also confirmed.

Decision who will discuss each Article:

Article 2 B. Hardwick

Article 3 A. Arnold

Article 4 Gary, Road Agent

Article 5 Maureen V. Heritage committee

Article 6 A. Arnold

Article 7 A. Arnold

Article 8 S. Carbee

Article 9 Fire Chief

Article 10 B. Hardwick

Article 11 B. Hardwick

Article 12 C. Carbee

Town Owned Property at Crotched Mountain

Betsy spoke to Jim Rice, Assessing and noted that the town has not assessed the town owned land at Crotched Mountain ski area or map 7, lot 15 since ski area improvements in 2003.

Heritage fund Donations

Authorized Heritage Commission acceptance of cash donations.

Personnel

Betsy Hardwick, select chair, noted that during the last meeting it was questioned if Selectman Abigail Arnold was still being paid and when was it going to end. It was noted that all selectmen agreed to Arnold, selectman, covering until a new administrative assistant was hired, and up to speed.

Adjourned to non-public meeting at 7:20PM

Continuation of Public meeting at 7:45 pm

Correspondence

Joint Loss Management Committee minutes reviewed

Heritage Committee Donations approved

Signature Approvals

Payroll and a/p manifests

Septage Agreement

Francestown does not have a contract with the Town of Antrim.

Voter signs

BJ Carbee would like permission to put up school budget voter signs; Hardwick felt we needed a policy. BOS denied the request.

Supervisor letters

BJ Carbee, Supervisor of the Checklist will send out letters to residents assumed to have moved.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:39

Approved on September 24, 2012

Board of Selectmen Chair Betsy Hardwick

Selectman Scott S. Carbee

Selectperson Abigail Arnold