

## **Fracesttown Board of Selectmen**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**May 7, 2012**

**Meeting called to order** at 6:01 PM

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

#### **Ethic Policy**

Lisa Bourbeau, resident of Fracesttown, proposed the BOS adopt an Ethics Committee, Policy, ordinance, or a written Code of Ethics for the Town of Fracesttown. Lisa brought in several examples from other towns for the BOS to review.

The purpose: “to establish a climate of public trust by developing guidelines, procedures, and policies that help clarify the expectations of the town’s citizens with regards to the actions and behaviors of its officials and employees, and by supplementing those developed with formal training.”

BOS agreed to review her request.

#### **Sign Ordinance**

Betsy Hardwick, Select Chair read the revised sign ordinance, which will allow town sponsored events to put signs on the Town Hall green without prior approval of the BOS.

#### **Tax Warrant**

The BOS approved and authorized the final tax warrant (1<sup>st</sup> issue) to be printed. They agreed to come in and sign it once printed. BOS asked AA to check one property (Cersosimo) if it had been transferred for current use penalty, prior to printing warrant. Also, BOS asked AA to review the overdue tax bills to be deeded in June.

#### **Correspondence**

BOS asked AA to notify Donna Noonan from the Recreation Department to make sure the porta-potties are removed from the soccer fields at the end of the season.

Betsy Hardwick, Select Chair, reviewed a letter from the State of New Hampshire. The letter noted that taxpayers across the state will be contributing 2% to support county operations. This

amount will be spread across the entire valuation of property throughout the county and will have a limited impact on the local city and towns.

Betsy Hardwick, Select Chair, reviewed a letter received from the Department of Revenue showing the town's total equalization valuations which are used to calculate each municipality's portion of the county tax, cooperative school district tax(if applicable), and the state education property tax.

### **Signatures**

BOS signed:

- Payroll manifest for w/e May 5, 2012
- Accounts Payable manifest for w/e May 5, 2012
- Corrected check manifest
- Two(2) abatements map 21-2; map 6-44-1
- Letter to Jason St. Cyr congratulating him on the Level II Road Scholar program
- Letter to Becky Moul notifying her of BOS decision on Budget & Advisory Committee selections
- New appointments to various committees to begin in 2012

BOS asked AA to repost the committee positions that have not been filled

Abigail Arnold, selectman, noted that C & D expenses were high and wondered if it might be due to the clean up expenses of the Town Hall. Scott Carbee, selectmen noted that the two (2) refrigerators were disposed of at no cost to the town and that one truck load of scrap was disposed of by Bob Rokes at no cost to Francestown. Charlie Pyle, resident, said he took two truckloads of books.

Scott Carbee, Selectmen suggested we advertise in the local newspaper that residents can bring their e-waste to a place in Jaffrey at no cost, thus, no cost to the town of Francestown. Also, Carbee mentioned contacting Sara Cox from the Waste Disposal Committee regarding the place in Jaffrey.

### **Minutes Review**

BOS reviewed draft minutes of April 19<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> Board of Selectmen's meeting. Corrections will be made by the AA.

BJ Carbee, resident, as previously requested from Abigail Arnold, Selectmen, would like an update on the documentation from DES regarding the Francestown Village Store Septic system to ensure its sufficiency. Arnold said she would look into it.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55PM

Approved on September 24, 2012

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Board of Selectmen Chair Betsy Hardwick

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Selectman Scott S. Carbee

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Selectperson Abigail Arnold