

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

**October 28, 2013**

Selectmen Present: Betsy Hardwick, Scott Carbee and Abigail Arnold

Staff Present: Town Administrator Michael Branley

Also present: Thomas Clark, Betty Behrsing, Lisa Bourbeau, Polly Freese, Charlie and Sarah Pyle, Neil Boisvert, Carol Brock, Judi Miller, Paul Lawrence, Henry Kunhardt, Brad Howell, Tom and Kay Anderson, Henry & Kerri Camirand, Jan Hicks, Robyn Haubrich and Deb Rodgers.

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

Betsy stated the first item on the agenda is a public hearing for the acceptance of \$15,940.66 from FEMA for Town expenses related to winter storm NEMO.

Polly Freese asked and Betsy clarified the amount to be \$15,940.66. Mike stated this amount is 75% of the Town's expenses.

**MOTION:** Scott made a motion to accept the funds and deposit them in the general fund. Seconded by Abigail. All in favor.

**Appointments**

1. Thomas Clark – Thomas stated he had several questions and issues with how Pleasant Pond Road reconstruction has been progressing. Thomas asked the Board how many trees were discussed being cut at the initial site walk and the Board discussed their recollection. Thomas said he remembers discussing 3 trees, one by his property that leaned out over the road, one by Charlie Gill's and one by Jack Curran's. Thomas asked and it was agreed that Pleasant Pond Road is a scenic road. Thomas asked why there was not a follow-up site review before 2 more trees were cut on his property along with numerous limbs and branches. He feels that it is timber trespass and even though it is in the Right of Way the Road Agent needed to ask permission. Thomas said during the site walk it was stated the road width would not increase but the shoulder would be 2-3 feet. He said before construction began, he measured the width of the road and it was 18 ½ to 19 feet and the new tar on the road is 20 ½ feet with very little of a shoulder. Thomas asked why there were extra drive-way cuts given to lots on Pleasant Pond Road when the guidelines state one per lot. He said he now cannot drive his vehicles into his driveway because the lip is too much and has not been back filled and he expects it to be finished/fixed. Thomas said he was told all big rocks would be hauled away to the gravel pit and crushed. He found one large boulder that was in his driveway had been moved to the lake side of the silt fence on his

- property and that approximately 9 other boulders were dumped into the wetlands farther up on Pleasant Pond Road towards the Deering line. He called the Road Agent to discuss moving the rock and also called DES regarding the rocks being dumped. Thomas stated he felt these rocks were dumped illegally and removed illegally. Thomas proposed a 25 mile an hour speed limit be placed at the lake section of the road since traffic speeds have increased with the new road. Thomas asked the Board if the Town was granted a permit for the boat launch. Betsy stated no and we did not put in a new boat ramp and are allowed to maintain the existing area. There was a discussion regarding whether or not you can get a boat out of the water with the way the ramp has been paved. Betsy stated they felt it was important to pave the ramp since it is used by the buses and the Fire Department as a turn around. Scott and Thomas said they thought it was discussed that the ramp would only be filled in with gravel and not asphalt. Thomas asked the Board if there will be any disciplinary action taken with the Road Agent and Betsy said that is a personnel matter and will need to be discussed with the Road Agent. Thomas showed the Board pictures of the trees that had been cut. Betsy asked and Thomas answered at breast height the diameter of the tree cut was 4 to 5 inches. Betsy said that size tree does not require a scenic road hearing and can be cut within the right of way. Thomas disagreed. Abigail asked Thomas to email the pictures to Mike. Thomas requested the Board send him a copy of the minutes for this meeting.
2. Brad Howell from Scobie Pond Preservation Society – Brad stated he is the new president of the Scobie Pond Preservation Society and is here to discuss the milfoil treatment. He stated at Town Meeting herbicide and diver assisted treatment were approved. The herbicide treatment has been performed however the company that was chosen to do the diver assisted treatment backed out. The Department of Environmental Services recommended they contact another one of the companies that bid and Brad stated he contacted AB Aquatics. Brad stated he is recommending the Board hire AB Aquatics to do five days of divers at \$950 per day assuming DES inspects the Pond and agrees that the treatment will be effective at this time of year. Brad stated it is also time to begin considering bids for next year's treatment and Brad stated he had submitted the bidding documents to DES. Betsy asked if we have an updated map of the milfoil and Brad stated he had been trying to get one however he has not been able to get a copy yet. Abigail asked how next year's treatment will compare to this year and Brad stated he was not sure.

**MOTION:** Scott made a motion to approve the contract for the divers assuming funds are available and pending an inspection by DES. Seconded by Abigail. All in favor.

3. Paul Lawrence representing the Library Trustees – Paul said there are two areas that need to be discussed, the first being the septic and the lower level toilet. Paul stated Henry Kunhardt has come up with a recommendation to replace the new 4 inch drain line and suggested only using single ply toilet paper. Paul stated the second area is regarding how much needs to be purged from the geothermal system and the meeting that occurred with Adrian Pinney reviewing different options. Paul's feeling, based on Henry's recommendations, is we need to deal with the discharge from the separator. One approach was to discharge it to the outside into a dry well, or discharge it into the septic, which is the Trustees preference if it is low volume. Henry also recommends relocating the separator to

the furnace room and that helps to comply with the manufacturers specifications in discharging downward. Mike stated based on the meeting he attended with Adrian Pinney and after reading Henry's report he thought the most practical low cost solution was to run the pipe through the drop ceiling to daylight. A discussion continued regarding all of the different recommendations and options. Paul stated that we should have an opinion from DES if it is acceptable to discharge onto the open ground. Mike stated he thought running the pipe to daylight would be more versatile than running it into the septic. Betsy asked Paul why the Trustees favored the option to go into the furnace room and out to the septic and Paul answered they chose the furnace room because that offered a longer term use of the geothermal system and the idea of discharging the water out over the bank was not desirable and raises issues of needing a permit. Henry volunteered and the Board agreed to allow him to continue purging the system until the discharge line is completed. The Board agreed to have Mike contact NHDES to ask if a permit is needed for discharging the groundwater outside and if one is not needed they would prefer to have the discharge go into riprap to avoid erosion. The Board agreed to have Mike have the sewer line replaced.

### **Items to Sign**

1. Timber grading for Map 9 Lot 6
2. Payroll Manifest for 10/28/13
3. Payables Manifest for 10/28/13
4. Betsy stated we received confirmation from Nancy Mayville at NHDOT approving CLD's proposal for 2<sup>nd</sup> NH Turnpike Bridge.

**MOTION:** Scott made a motion to sign the professional services contract with CLD Consulting Engineers for the 2<sup>nd</sup> NH Turnpike Bridge. Seconded by Abigail. All in favor.

5. Cemetery Deed Plot for John & Georgia Thomas
6. Land Use Change Tax Map 8 Lot 23

### **New Business**

1. Henry's report on the Library septic.
2. Tax Rate setting documents – Town is \$7.29, School is \$12.11, State School is \$2.29, and County is \$1.08 for a total of \$22.77. Mike stated based on when he received the final tax rate he was not able to finalize putting together the warrant however if the Board would agree to wait a few minutes at the end he would put it together so tax bills could get out this week.

### **Correspondence**

1. Email from Bob Bowes complimenting the Highway Department and Construction Company on work on Pleasant Pond Road. Scott said Bob clocked a car on Pleasant Pond going 62 mph. The Board asked Mike to contact Chief Bell with this information and ask him to keep an eye out. Mike said there was a phone message from Charlie Gill also complimenting the Selectmen and Highway Department saying the Pleasant Pond Road project came out well.

2. Driveway permit for Map 6 Lot 62.
3. Letter from NHDOT approving the closure of Main Street on Halloween.
4. Letter from Healthtrust regarding their annual meeting and nominations.
5. Copy of a letter from Matt Serge, Upton & Hatfield regarding 298 Pleasant Pond Road sale.
6. Letter from NHMA regarding their annual meeting and nominations.
7. Email from John Byatt regarding approval from NHDOT.
8. Healthtrust Benefit Renewal Chart.
9. Email from Donald Walker regarding workforce housing.
10. Public Notice for a Public Hearing from Governor's Advisory Commission on the State's 10 year transportation improvement plan.
11. Mike's memo regarding the CLD contract for 2<sup>nd</sup> NH Turnpike Bridge.

### **Old Business**

Polly Freese asked if someone could pick up the wood by cemetery #1 and bring it to the wood bank. Mike said he would mention it again to the Road Agent.

### **Administrative Update**

Mike confirmed the Board members need to come in on Monday November 4<sup>th</sup> just to sign manifests and they agreed.

The Board agreed to approval payroll for November 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Board meeting recessed at 8:50 p.m. for Mike to prepare the warrant.

The meeting resumed at 9:00 p.m.

The Board signed the property tax warrant for the second tax bill.

**NEXT BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING:** November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Betsy adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Wendy Brien-Baker

Approved on November 25, 2013

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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