

TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
OFFICE OF SELECTMEN
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

February 18, 2013

Selectmen Present: Chair Betsy Hardwick, Scott Carbee, and Abigail Arnold

Staff Present: Administrative Coordinator Michael Branley and Police Chief Steve Bell

Also present: Betty Behrsing, Lisa Bourbeau, Polly Freese, and Tom Anderson

CALL TO ORDER: Betsy called the meeting to order at 5:30

MOTION: Betsy made a motion to enter nonpublic session seconded by Abigail pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a) personnel.

Roll Call vote to enter nonpublic session:	Betsy Hardwick	Aye
	Scott Carbee	Aye
	Abigail Arnold	Aye

The meeting room was cleared and the Board entered nonpublic session at 5:30 p.m.

At 6:35 p.m. the Board returned to public session having decided to seal the minutes having voted by a vote of 2/3's or greater of the members present to not disclose the minutes and decisions reached therein to the public, as divulgence of the information discussed likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of the public body itself, until – in the opinion of a majority of the members – the aforesaid circumstances no longer apply.

Appointments

1. Police Chief Steve Bell – there was a discussion about the locations of accidents in recent years. Chief Bell stated the department is patrolling the Red House Road area on a daily basis; he stated the department gave out a few tickets there this weekend. There was a discussion about the value of reducing the speed limit on Red House Road; Chief Bell thought it would make sense however the Town would need to do an engineering study to do so. There was a discussion about how this might lead residents on other roads to request lower speed limits on their roads too. Polly Freese asked if anyone had noticed additional trash on Red House Road; Chief Bell and the Board had not noticed any.

Items to Sign

1. Application for reimbursement from Bridge Replacement capital reserve fund for \$2,300
2. Payables Manifest for 2/18/13
3. Payroll Manifest for 2/18/13
4. Application for reimbursement from the building improvement capital reserve fund for \$50,399.30 for truss repairs

New Business

1. Estimate from Paul Knight for repairs at the exterior of the library for a variety of projects; this proposal is in response to the discussion at a capital improvement program meeting. There was a discussion about the progress of the work on the geothermal well at the library – Scott stated the project has been completed. Mike will contact Nancy Hibbard Pyle and let her know that the Board will look at doing these projects in the fall if funds remain.
2. Budget to actuals report.
3. January bank reconciliation summary.

Correspondence

1. Copy of the letter from the state acknowledging receipt of Francesotwn's perambulation report for its boundary with Bennington
2. Letter from Crotched Mountain regarding their operating hours for the season
3. Letter from Christine Lavery requesting her personnel records – Mike stated he had spoken to Town Counsel and his draft response is attached
4. Letter from Gauthier & McMartin regarding the closing of the second tax deeded condo.

Administrative Update

Mike stated Gary & he had put together a cost estimate related to the storm the week of the 8th and the Town is hoping to try to recoup up to \$10,000.

Mike stated that at his seminar on Friday there was a legislative update from the NH Municipal Association and although it's early, the state budget looks relatively status quo in terms of costs and revenues for municipalities.

Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the minutes for January 24th as written.

The Board approved the minutes for January 28th as written.

The Board approved the minutes for February 7th as written.

The Board approved the minutes for February 11th as written.

NEXT BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING: Monday the 25th at 5:30 p.m. The Board will schedule a separate work session to discuss the personnel policy update and the welfare guidelines.

ADJOURNMENT: Betsy adjourned the meeting at 7:15.

Respectfully Submitted by Michael Branley

Approved on February 25, 2013

Board of Selectmen Chair Betsy Hardwick

Selectman Scott S. Carbee

Selectperson Abigail Arnold