

TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
OFFICE OF SELECTMEN
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

February 4, 2013

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

Also present: Nick Wilder, Bill McAuley, Henry Kunhardt, Abby Dawson, Maureen von Rosenvinge, and Polly Freese

CALL TO ORDER: Betsy called the meeting to order at 5:35

Appointments

Budget Advisory Committee – The Budget Advisory Committee and Board discussed the budget and voted on the budget and warrant articles.

- On warrant Article 2, the operating budget of \$1,547,067, the Board of Selectmen and BAC voted unanimously in favor.
- On Article 3, contributions to various capital reserve funds totaling \$369,700 from taxation and undesignated fund balance, the Board of Selectmen and BAC voted unanimously in favor.
- On Article 4, \$180,000 from capital reserves to continue Pleasant Pond Road Reconstruction, the Board of Selectmen and BAC voted unanimously in favor.
- On Article 5, raising \$25,300 from capital reserves and undesignated fund surplus for structural repairs to the Town Hall, the Board of Selectmen and BAC voted unanimously in favor.
- On Article 6, \$280,000 from capital reserve to purchase a motor grader, the Board of Selectmen and BAC voted unanimously in favor.
- On Article 7, to raise \$1,400,000 from capital reserves and acceptance of state bridge aid, the Board of Selectmen and BAC voted unanimously in favor.
- On Article 8, \$24,400 from capital reserves and funds from Mt. Crotched Firefighters' Association to purchase a defibrillator, the Board of Selectmen and BAC voted unanimously in favor.
- On Article 9, \$18,575 from taxation and acceptance of a state grant for milfoil treatment on Scoby Pond, the Board of Selectmen and BAC voted unanimously in favor.
- On Article 10, \$2,500 from taxation for milfoil prevention on Pleasant Pond, the Board of Selectmen and BAC voted unanimously in favor.
- On Article 11, transferring \$4,700 from the undesignated fund surplus to the General Cemetery Maintenance Trust, the Board of Selectmen and BAC voted unanimously in favor.

- On Article 12, \$30,000 from taxation and undesignated fund surplus for a contribution to the Building Improvements capital reserve, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously against and all members of the Budget Advisory Committee voted against except for Charlie Pyle who expressed his votes at the BAC meeting last Monday.
- On Article 13, \$45,000 from taxation and grants or private funds for work on the Town Hall related to removing the temporary posts, the majority of the Board of Selectmen voted against except for Scott and the majority of the Budget Advisory Committee voted against except for Bill and Charlie.
- On Article 14, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow funds while the Town waits for grant reimbursement from the state on the bridge aid projects, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously in favor.
- On Article 15, to change the title of the Administrative Assistant position to the title of Town Administrator, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously in favor.
- On Article 16, to change from an elected treasurer to a treasurer appointed by the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Selectmen voted in favor with the exception of Scott.

Scott informed the Board and the BAC that after a recent meeting it appears that the Town Clock on the Old Meeting House is sound enough to make it through 2013 without the repairs and gilding.

Old Business

The Board and BAC reviewed the new information received from the Town's engineering firm CLD regarding temporary solutions for the 2nd NH Turnpike Bridge. There was a discussion about the options outlined, which included estimates from \$85,000 to a revised \$69,000. The Board and BAC discussed the impacts on road surfaces on the detour routes and agreed they are difficult to calculate. Polly Freese stated she has noticed an increase of logging trucks on the Turnpike. There was a discussion about whether the temporary repair project should be a separate warrant article or an amendment to the budget. The Board and BAC agreed that they believe it should be brought up as an amendment to the budget rather than as a warrant article.

Maureen von Rosenvinge stated that there is a circuit breaker in the Town Hall that needs to be looked at – Scott will call Bruce Harrington and ask him to take a look.

Abigail stated she was asked by the Brombergs to bring up the idea of putting speed bumps on Red House Road – the Board agreed they will consider this idea at a later date since it is not something that would be done during the winter.

Items to Sign

1. Payables Manifest for February 4th 2013
2. Payroll Manifest for February 4th 2013
3. Deed for the tax deeded condo at 29 Eastside Lane Unit 11 – Mike stated he hopes the closing will happen soon, potentially this week
4. Application for veteran's tax credit for Map 6 Lot 48 for Stacie Green and for Matthew Green. Mike stated that this was the application that was received in early 2012 however

had been misplaced and not applied in 2012 – he stated that the residents will file an abatement to correct the issue of the credit not being in effect for 2012.

New Business

The Board reviewed the bridge update and the Board of Selectmen's report for the annual report. The Board approved both reports pending grammatical corrections.

The Board reviewed Mike's draft handout for the Budget Hearing and gave some suggestions.

Mike asked what the Board would like him to have copies available of at the Public Hearing and they agreed to have the MS 6 available for those who want it, the budget account overview, and the draft warrant.

Scott stated that work has begun on the demolition of the pump house on East Road.

Correspondence

1. The Board reviewed a note regarding a call from Tom Burke on Wilson Hill Road stating that there are ruts and pot holes that need to be filled in. Scott stated that the Highway Department put down some stone dust today.
2. Charlie Pyle's letter about his votes on the warrant articles
3. Email from the LGC stating that Executive Director Maura Carroll had resigned.

NEXT BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING: The Board will hold the Budget Public Hearing at 7 p.m. on February 7th and will meet at 5:30 on February 11th.

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