

TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
OFFICE OF SELECTMEN
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

March 11, 2013

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

Staff Present: Michael Branley, Administrative Coordinator

Also present: Maureen von Rosenvinge, Judi Miller, Polly Freese, Betty Berhsing, Tom Anderson, Henry Kunhardt, Lisa Bourbeau, Charlie Pyle, Sarah Pyle, BJ Carbee, and others unknown

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

Items to Sign

1. Payables Manifest for 3/11/13
2. Payroll Manifest for 3/11/13
3. Notice of Intent to cut for Map 6 Lot 42
4. MS 5 prepared by the auditors
5. Response to Kay Anderson regarding Palmer Road – Scott voiced opposition and Betsy signed the letter

Appointments

1. Glenn Dodge from Dodgco – the Board asked for information about the current options for the Town Hall being considered for Article 13. Glenn stated regardless of which option the town went with, the engineering should be done first. The options are installing three steel beams for \$44,000, installing two steel beams for \$28,000, or to replace the temporary support rods for approximately \$5,000 plus engineering. Maureen asked what damage would be done to the work already performed if this project was delayed and Glenn stated no damage. Henry asked if any of these options would open the second floor for live loads and Glenn stated they would not. Maureen stated a majority of the Heritage Commission is supporting installing two steel beams. The Board discussed if they wanted to support any of the options and how the article would be approached at Town Meeting.

New Business

1. Copier Lease Renewal – Mike gave a brief outline of his meetings with representatives from Canon, Conway, Ricoh, and Hallmark Copiers to discuss new five year leases for the Town's three copiers. Based on our historical usages, he put together cost comparisons for each company and recommended a change to Canon. Two of the Town's copiers are currently Canons, their cost is significantly lower than the others, and they are willing to return all of our current equipment and pay off the remainder of our leases at no charge. He stated he was still waiting to get some information from Allan Treadwell to ensure all of the equipment would work for our needs so he recommended that the Board wait until next week to make a final decision.
2. The Board reviewed a revised waiver for weight restrictions – Mike stated that he and Gary had put it together
3. Accident data from Chief Bell for January and February 2013
4. Notice from Wendy regarding the current use update to be put in Francestown News and the letter to be sent to residents – the Board reviewed these documents and gave a few suggestions

Old Business

Town Meeting Preparation – the Board and Mike discussed the hand-out he is putting together for Town Meeting. The Board discussed and approved Abigail's hand out regarding the temporary bridge.

Abigail stated she got a call from someone suggesting that the Town put "pot hole" and "mud" signs on Cross Road – Mike will check and see what Gary thinks. Scott stated he thought the Town should consider using Potash Road as a detour instead. Abigail stated she thought Cross Road should be one way during mud season. There was a discussion about emergency vehicles from other towns using the detour roads.

Correspondence

1. The Board reviewed an email from Phyllis and agreed to accept her recommendation and amend the Welfare line up to \$55,000 at Town Meeting
2. Letter from the State of New Hampshire regarding the Highway Block Grant for FY 2013.
3. Email from BJ about the pot holes on Cross Road and asking the Road Agent to try to do something; Mike stated he had received it and had let Gary know
4. Notice form Xfinity
5. PD Weekly Reports for the weeks of 3/3, 2/24, & 2/17
6. Preliminary bridge inspection reports from the Department of Transportation for Old County Road North, Juniper Hill Road, Russell Station Road, Clarkville Road, and South New Boston Road
7. Letter from Bill Reiner in Nelson stating that the lights from the ski area are bothering him. The Board agreed to pass along a copy of the letter to the Planning Board.

Administrative Update

Mike stated he had reached Senator Odell's Office and he is scheduled to come in to meet with the Board on March 25th. Letters have been sent out to our representatives inviting them to attend as well.

He is going to call the school tomorrow to make sure everything is all set for Town Meeting.

NEXT BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING: 5:30 p.m. on March 18th

ADJOURNMENT: Betsy adjourned the meeting at 6:45

Respectfully Submitted by Michael Branley

Approved on March 25, 2013

Board of Selectmen Chair Betsy Hardwick

Selectman Scott S. Carbee

Selectperson Abigail Arnold