

TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
OFFICE OF SELECTMEN
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

March 25, 2013

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

Staff Present: Town Administrator Michael Branley

Also present: Nick Wilder, Judi Miller, BJ Carbee, Mike Tartalis, Gloria Normile, Senator Bob Odell, Representative Robert McNamara, Representative Kermit Williams, Representative Stephen Spratt, Janet Quilty, Polly Freese, Lisa Bourbeau, Lawrie Barr, Ethel MacStubbs, Tom Anderson, Larry Johnson, Bruce Harrington, Henry Kunhardt, Linda Kunhardt, Henry Camirand, Kerry Camirand, Paul McGrath, Gail MacInnes, and others unknown to the minute taker

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

Abigail announced she was recording the meeting.

Items to Sign

1. Payables Manifest 3/25/13
2. Payroll Manifest 3/25/13
3. Letter to the Trustees of Trust Funds to accompany the checks voted from the Undesignated Fund Surplus to the Trust Funds
4. MS 2 Form – appropriations voted at Town Meeting
5. Timber rating for Map 9, Lot 6

New Business

1. Report of the Treasurer for January
2. Report of the Treasurer for February
3. Request for an extension on a cut for job # 12-159-15-T – the Board agreed to grant the extension from March 31 to June 30
4. Draft 2012 audit and financial statements
5. Request for funding from Meals on Wheels – the request was higher than the budgeted amount. After a discussion the Board agreed to pay the higher requested amount.

Correspondence

1. Administrative Update
2. Email from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children – the Board asked Mike to send it along to the Francestown News to see if they wanted to do an article
3. Interim bridge inspection from DOT for Cressy Hill Road stating that no action needs to be taken by the Town
4. Notices from Comcast regarding price adjustment information and grandfathered cable packages
5. Notice from UNH regarding a Southwest Region Planning Commission meeting on April 2 – the Board asked Mike to post the notice
6. Pricing for bark mulch
7. Letter from the Business and Industry Association stating that the blue book of municipal officials is now available
8. Right-to-know request from Lisa Bourbeau
9. Notice from state of New Hampshire Department of Safety stating that President Obama has declared the February 8 - 10 snowstorm a disaster – Mike stated he and Gary were planning to attend one of the meetings
10. Fax from Silas Little regarding competitive bidding
11. Memo from ConVal Business Administrator Marian Alese regarding a revised payment schedule for the Town for the rest of the school's fiscal year
12. Chief Bell's weekly report for the week ending 3/17
13. Email from Durham's Town Administrator regarding support for the gas tax
14. Draft contract from Silas Little

The Board discussed the schedule for their work session on Thursday and agreed to meet with Gary and Henry at 5:30, Phyllis around 6 or 6:30, and review the personnel policy last.

Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the March 4th minutes as written
 The Board approved the March 11th minutes as written
 The Board approved the March 18th minutes as written

Appointments

Legislative Representatives – the Board met with Representative Steve Spratt, Representative Richard McNamara, Representative Kermit Williams, and Senator Bob Odell. The following topics were discussed between the Board, the legislators, and the audience: the state budget, legalized casino gambling, infrastructure funding, an increase to the gas tax, LCHIP, state sales tax, state income tax, property taxes, funding to higher education, and New Hampshire's future in general.

The Board recognized Senator Odell's efforts to make the Crotched Mountain Legacy Grant a reality and thanked all of the legislators for attending.

NEXT BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING: Thursday March 28th at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Betsy adjourned the meeting at 7:10

Respectfully Submitted by Michael Branley

Approved on April 1, 2013

Board of Selectmen Chair Betsy Hardwick

Selectman Scott S. Carbee

Selectperson Abigail Arnold