

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

**June 18, 2013**

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

Staff Present: Town Administrator Michael Branley

Also present: Brandon Lawrence from the Monadnock Ledger Transcript, Betty Behrsing, Mike Tartalis, Lawrie Barr, Judi Miller, Lisa Bourbeau, Polly Freese, and BJ Carbee

**CALL TO ORDER:** Betsy called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

**Items to Sign**

1. Payroll Manifest for 6/18/13
2. Payables Manifest for 6/18/13
3. Abatement Requests – the Board agreed to review and sign them at their next meeting
4. Building Permit for Map 3 Lot 16

**New Business**

Mike stated three properties have been offered by the Tax Collector to the Board through tax deeding, Map 10 Lot 10-1, Map 6 Lot 59, and Map 16 Lot 12. Mike stated the notice of impending deeding was signed for Map 16 Lot 12 but not the other two. Town Counsel recommends that the tax collector send the notice of deeding to the two other properties first class mail and wait 30 days before accepting the deeds. Mike stated he and Town Counsel recommended the Board accept the deed to Map 16 Lot 12 at this time.

**MOTION:** Scott made a motion to call the owners of the properties and offer them to come into a Board meeting to discuss the situation before accepting any deeds. There was a discussion about the tax deeding process; Mike stated his understanding was that the Board could negotiate after they accepted the deed but it was up to the tax collector to make payment plans at this point in the process. Scott stated he did not believe in taking any property at any time and Abigail asked why people would pay their taxes if there was no threat of tax deeding. Motion seconded by Betsy. All in favor.

Mike stated he does not have fuel prices at this time and he hopes to have them for the Board's next meeting.

Scott stated that he hoped this was the last time there was a meeting at 4:45 on a weekday and Betsy stated it was just for signings and Mike stated because Elaine and Pam had asked the Board to review the properties immediately he put that on the agenda as well.

**NEXT BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING:** 6:30 p.m. on June 24<sup>th</sup>

**ADJOURNMENT:** Betsy adjourned the meeting at 5:05.

Respectfully Submitted by Michael Branley

Approved on July 15, 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