

TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

July 15, 2013

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

Staff Present: Town Administrator Michael Branley

Also present: Charlie Pyle, Maureen von Rosenvinge, Mike Tartalis, Tom Anderson, Judi Miller, BJ Carbee, John Arnold, Lawrie Barr, Betty Berhsing and Becky Moul

CALL TO ORDER: Betsy called the meeting to order at 6:30

Appointments

1. Charlie Pyle to discuss Labor Day. Charlie stated he wanted to discuss with the Board Labor Day events. He stated in general there are not many changes to the schedule other than that Town Hall is going to be available and that there were some groups that were interested in using it for two different dance nights. Maureen stated the Heritage Commission did not have any objections to using the building and she expected the work to be completed well in advance. There were discussions about the preparations that would be necessary to get the Town Hall ready for use. Maureen asked if anyone other than the Fire Chief needed to inspect the Town Hall and the Board agreed it probably made sense to have the building inspector do at least a brief inspection.

Maureen stated two residents asked her if their antique group could come on 9/18 to see the Old Meeting House, the Town Hall and the Heritage Museum. The Board agreed that would be okay. Maureen informed the Board the event called a "Mixer" or "Get to Know Your Town" was going to be on 9/21 at the Town Hall from 1 – 4 p.m. Maureen stated the Heritage Commission would like to have a re-useable banner to advertise events at the Town Hall and the Board agreed this was a good idea. Maureen stated she wanted to try to receive a sponsor for it. Scott stated he thought the date of the mixer might make more sense to dedicate the building to Alan because more people might be there. There was a discussion about the timing and the purpose of the meeting and the Board agreed to keep the event on 8/4 at 4 p.m. to recognize Alan's efforts and formally accept the Heritage Museum. Lawrie Barr stated he supported having a separate event to recognize Alan.

Items to Sign

1. PA-28 Inventory of Taxable Property Form for 2014 - Scott stated he supported using the inventory. Betsy feels it can be very useful for planning purposes. The Board unanimously agreed to resume using the inventory form.
2. Timber Tax Grading Chart for Map 8 Lot 47-3

Maureen stated for the first time LCHIP has been fully funded.

3. Payroll Manifest for 7/15
4. Payables Manifest for 7/15

New Business

1. Email from Diane Curran asking to be considered as an Alternate on the Heritage Commission.
MOTION: Betsy made a motion to appoint Diane Curran as an alternate to the Heritage Commission. Seconded by Scott. All in favor.
2. The Board discussed the plaque for Alan and agreed to purchase a plaque with language and design similar to what Mike presented.
3. Mike stated he called the phone for 1077 Pleasant Pond Road and the number is disconnected and he sent another note which came back as undeliverable and unable to forward. He drove by the property and could not determine if anyone was living in the property.
MOTION: Betsy made a motion to remove the Elderly Exemption and Veteran's Tax Credit from 1077 Pleasant Pond Road effective next tax season. Seconded by Abigail. Betsy and Abigail in favor, Scott abstained.
Mike Tartalis stated the property has been rented out.
4. Reconciliation Summary for May.
5. Memo from Wendy Brien-Baker regarding outstanding 2012 Reports of Cut – States as of today there are 2 outstanding reports that have not been received. Betsy stated she would like Wendy to give Swift Corwin a call for George Sanderson's property and the Johnson's have until August 15 to file their report.
6. Draft Request for Proposals for Transfer Station Waste Disposal – Mike stated the Solid Waste Committee provided their comments and he thought the process worked well. The Board approved the RFP as written.
7. June Financial Report – Mike discussed where the Town is at to date with the budget.

Mike stated he scheduled the following meetings for the Board: 8/12 with new Superintendant at 6:30 p.m. and Budget Committee, 8/5 with CLD at 6:30 p.m.

8. Scott stated he thinks the Town needs to have a discussion about dress codes; he wasn't there but he was told one of the ZBA members was wearing an offensive T-shirt at a recent meeting. Abigail stated without knowing who the person was or what the shirt said she did not think it warranted an action.

Correspondence

1. Email from Greg Cope regarding a structural engineer update for the Old Meeting House
2. Email from Greg Cope regarding aerial restoration expert scheduled for Tuesday
3. Mike's Weekly Report 7/12
4. Notice of Violation to Crotched Mountain Ski and Ride
5. Letter from a resident of Greenfield regarding the lights at Crotched Mountain Ski and Ride. Scott stated it was out of district but Betsy stated the regional impact of situations should be considered.
6. Email from Pat Terry regarding variance for Crotched Mountain Ski and Ride
7. Notice of decision from the ZBA for Map 6 Lot 65

Liaison Reports

Scott stated the ConVal Selectmen's Advisory Committee has created a committee to review financials and administration.

Betsy stated she had planned to mention the mixer but Maureen had already mentioned.

Abigail stated the Planning Board has a site plan review scheduled for tomorrow at George Cilley's property on Pleasant Pond Road for a retail farm store/stand beginning at 6:15.

Old Business

Scott gave the Board an update on the Library well. He is working with Chris Danforth to determine if the septic system can handle the additional water from the drain or if it will need to be run to daylight.

Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the minutes from June 18 as written.

Public Input

Betty Behrsing stated she remembered that the inventories are sent first class so they will be forwarded.

Betsy stated we can't forget to do the tax map updates this year.

NEXT BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING: July 22 at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Betsy adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Wendy Brien-Baker

Approved on September 16, 2013

Board of Selectmen Chair Betsy Hardwick

Selectman Scott S. Carbee

Selectperson Abigail Arnold