

TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN

OFFICE OF SELECTMEN

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

July 8, 2013

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

Staff Present: Town Administrator Michael Branley

Also present: Larry Labor, Betty Behrsing, Polly Freese, Lisa Bourbeau, Kitty Houghton, Judi Miller, BJ Carbee, Sarah Pyle, Charlie Pyle, Lawrie Barr and others unknown to the minute taker

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

Items to Sign

1. Payroll Manifest for 7/8/13
2. Payables Manifest for 7/8/13
3. Notice of Intent to Cut for Map 8 Lot 59
4. Tax Collector Elaine McClary asked the Board to provide her with the deed waivers for the two properties so she can release the liens for the taxes that were redeemed. She reviewed the change Mike made and stated that it would work. The Board signed the deed waivers for Map 16 Lot 12 and Map 6 Lot 59.

Mike stated he scheduled the purchasing process/warrant article meeting with the department heads for July 22nd and asked if the Board wanted to schedule the Budget & Advisory Committee to meet that night also? The Board agreed to schedule the Budget & Advisory Committee on a different night.

New Business

Abigail stated she spoke to Barbara Thulander and she felt that it would be nice to dedicate the heritage museum building to Alan soon. The Board agreed to hold an event dedicating the building to "O. Alan Thulander" on August 4th at 4:00 p.m. and to have Mike and Betsy work on ordering a sign to put on the exterior.

Scott stated concrete foundations at the Town Hall were poured last week and Glenn is now going forward with the rest of the project.

Scott stated Warren inspected the Town Clock and the eastern facing clock had an issue which Warren has corrected. He stated Phil D'Avanza's regular maintenance on the clock is coming up soon and he will inspect it then. Scott stated the clock needs to be addressed soon and Maureen

is applying for grants to try to help fund it. Mike stated one option that he and Scott had discussed to maximize the money spent on the lift is to potentially have the steeple area on the Town Hall painted at the same time.

Scott stated he spoke to John Swain at Capital Well and the heat exchanger is not their responsibility. Pinney has not installed the drain pipe. The Board agreed they need to meet with the Library Trustees to discuss the situation when Deb Rogers returns from her trip. The Board agreed to have Scott try to contact Pinney in the meantime.

Scott stated the safety gate at the Transfer Station should be finished by around the end of next week.

Mike stated the prisoner program is running again and we are first on the list. They will be calling soon to set up the painting of the transfer station buildings. The Board discussed another project that could be done is cleaning of the inside of the Town Hall.

The Board reviewed and discussed fuel prices that Mike had collected from Irving, Rymes, Denis K. Burke, and Volta Oil. Mike recommended and the Board agreed to go with Rymes for propane and gasoline and Irving for heating oil and diesel fuel.

MOTION: Scott made a motion to authorize Betsy to sign the fuel contracts. Seconded by Betsy. All in favor.

Appointments

Code Enforcement Officer Ed Hunter – Ed stated based on reviewing the documents regarding Crotched Mountain Ski Area and speaking with Linda he thought the best course of action was to send a notice of violation to spell out every violation for the mountain and lay out how they can come into compliance. Abigail clarified that the issue was only related to the area of the expansion. The Board agreed to have Ed send a notice of violation.

Ed stated that due to vacations a permit was not able to be prepared for the Board to sign tonight and asked the Board to waive the requirement for them to sign the permit so he can get it out sooner to be more customer friendly. The Board agreed to waive their requirement to sign the permit for Map 20 Lot 4.

Betsy stated that the cell tower at the top of Crotched Mountain is required to have a locked gate leading up to the mountain and keys or access codes were to have been handed out to the Town. The lock has been cut and not repaired. This has allowed people to intrude on the sensitive ecological area with prohibited vehicles. Ed said he will investigate the situation.

Correspondence

1. Notice from DES stating they received a wetlands application
2. Notice from the City of Concord regarding a public hearing
3. Notice from Primex that we received the check in the amount of \$10,337.12 for the premium holiday
4. Mike's weekly report July 5th

5. Notice from FIHS stating that we have received \$4,000 for prior year's utilities
6. Letter from Division of Health Services regarding water testing at Scoby Pond
7. Revised invoice from Primex
8. Notice of complete forestry notification
9. Right-to-know request from Tom Anderson
10. Prior weekly report from Mike July 1st
11. Actual copy of the wetlands application for the dock
12. Public notice of the Planning Board meeting for George Cilley Jr.
13. Letter from Mike Tartalis regarding his dissatisfaction with the condition of Pleasant Pond Road. Scott stated he thought it might make sense to grind the road now since the permitting is in progress. The Board discussed the merits of this and asked Mike to see what Gary thinks.
14. Letter from DES regarding the Pleasant Pond Dam. Abigail stated it is a non-menace dam however the owner's do not seem inclined to pay for the repairs. The Board discussed the situation and the potential solutions. BJ Carbee asked if there were any possible grant funds and Abigail stated she did not think so. Lawrie Barr asked if FEMA funds were used for the Bixby Dam and Betsy stated it was a Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF).

Mike discussed with the Board the beaches being closed for the milfoil treatment.

Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the minutes from June 24 as amended.

Lawrie Barr asked how the Board was going to advertise for the O. Alan Thulander building dedication. It will be in the local papers, on the town website, flyers posted around town and through word of mouth.

NEXT BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING: July 15th at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Betsy adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Wendy Brien-Baker

Approved on August 19, 2013

Board of Selectmen Chair Betsy Hardwick

Selectman Scott S. Carbee

Selectperson Abigail Arnold