

TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

August 5, 2013

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

Staff Present: Town Administrator Michael Branley, Road Agent Gary Paige

Also present: John Byatt from CLD, Kitty Houghton, Jan Hicks, Ben Haubrich, Robyn Haubrich, Mike Tartalis, Betty Berhsing, BJ Carbee, Charlie Pyle, Sarah Pyle, Polly Freese and Guy Tollman

CALL TO ORDER: Betsy called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Appointments

1. John Byatt from CLD Engineers regarding the long-term replacement of the 2nd NH Turnpike South Bridge. John discussed the various components of the bridge as engineered. John stated that they are planning to widen the roadway leading up to bridge about three feet on each side in addition to adding some shouldering. The plan is designed to stay within the right-of-way to avoid needing easements. John explained why CLD is recommending building the bridge using concrete beams. BJ Carbee asked and John stated the total project is estimated at \$950,000 for the arch type, using steel beams is estimated at \$900,000, and using concrete beams is estimated at \$928,000. He said it will be built to State specs and standards because they agree to pay 80% of the cost through the bridge aid program. Jan Hicks asked how long the bridge's lifetime is projected to be and John stated approximately 75 years. Kitty Houghton asked if the concrete absorbs more moisture and John stated the precast concrete is designed to have a longer lifetime and absorb less moisture. John stated all of the beams are inspected in the shop and on site. It was asked about the maintenance on the bridge and John explained it should be washed off after each winter to free it from any salt and every five years a water repellent should be applied to the concrete. Mike asked and John responded that the Town could advertise and begin construction prior to July 1st however the State would not provide any funds until July 1, 2014.

Gary stated NH DOT inspected the bridge on Scoby Road last week and lowered the posting to ten tons. Nancy Mayville indicated that this was a short term solution, likely leading to a lower posting soon.

Items to Sign

1. Payroll Manifest for August 5
2. Payables Manifest for August 5
3. Payroll Manifest for July 29
4. Payables Manifest for July 29
5. Land Use Change Tax previously approved where the Board missed a signature area
6. Timber grading chart for Map 11 Lot 12
7. Timber grading chart for Map 8 Lot 4

New Business

1. Mike gave an update to the Board for Wendy stating the current use update is almost complete.
2. The Board agreed to hire the Millers to hook up the water in the Town Hall.
3. The Board agreed to have Mike hire a cleaning company to clean the main area of the Town Hall prior to Labor Day.
4. Abigail stated she had spoken to Paul Lawrence and the Library Trustees are wondering where the geothermal well project is going and who will be covering the expenses. Scott stated he thought that was settled considering the Town paid for the upgrade earlier this year. Betsy agreed. Scott stated Josh Stewart is still waiting for some additional information regarding where to run the drain. Scott stated he will contact Deb Rogers. Abigail asked if there was any issue with having the water run outside and Scott stated that John Swain indicated that the water is potable and is safe to run it to daylight.
5. Email from Linda Kunhardt regarding the Wohle farm stand and their planning board application – Mike stated the application and the fee were submitted this morning.

Correspondence

1. Bridge Inspection Report from DOT for the notice of deficiency on the Scoby Road bridge.
2. Mike's Weekly Reports July 25th & August 5th
3. Notice of Public Hearing for a cell tower in Mont Vernon.
4. ZBA Notice of Hearing for on August 8th for Crotched Mountain Ski Area.
5. Letter from NHDOT regarding the driveway access for the Wohle property.
6. Report from NH Public Health regarding Scoby Pond – everything is in normal parameters.
7. Letter from Healthtrust regarding the check for Contribution Holiday.
8. Notification from NHDOT of Highway Block Grant amounts.
9. Statement of Hillsborough Country Appropriations and Revenue as voted.
10. Letter from NHDES saying they were unable to accommodate an expedited review of the permit for the work on Pleasant Pond Road and they expect to review the permit by late August.
11. Letter from Janet Hicks applauding Gary Paige and the Highway Department. Betsy read the letter.
12. Order and Protective Order from the Board of Tax and Land Appeals regarding PSNH.

13. Notice of Decision of the Planning Board for George Cilley's application.
14. Copy of a letter Mike sent to William and Christina Whole.

NEXT BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING: August 12th at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Betsy adjourned at 7:20 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