

TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

September 23, 2013

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

Staff Present: Town Administrator Michael Branley

Also present: Jan Hicks, Betty Berhsing, Charlie Pyle, Polly Freese, and Tom Anderson

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

Items to Sign

1. Payroll Manifest for September 23, 2013
2. Payables Manifest for September 23, 2013
3. Building permit application for Map 8 Lot 85

New Business

Capital Alarm – Mike stated we have received an estimate to get the Town Hall and the Thulander Museum up to working order for approximately \$1,200. Mike said he has asked Capital Alarm several time to fix the situation and they have not been responsive. Mike suggested that we take a look at other venders for pricing. The Board discussed the history of alarms, past alarm companies, and that they have not had good luck. The Board agreed to have Mike look at other vendors.

Highway Safety Committee Charge – the Board agreed to approve the charge as written. Mike stated the Board previously had four people interested in serving on the committee however Larry Johnson moved out of town so they are down to Betsy, BJ Carbee, and Bill McAuley. The Board agreed they would like to see if they can get five members.

Correspondence

1. Mike's Weekly Update 9/20/13
2. Memo to Department heads regarding 2014 Annual Budget and Annual Reports.
3. Letter from Upton & Hatfield regarding the application of Francestown Village Water Company.
4. Driveway Permit from NHDOT for Map 8 Lot 7

5. Letter from an engineering firm regarding their services. Abigail stated the Board needs to decide if they want to use CLD for the engineering on the two bridges approved this year at Town Meeting. The Board agreed to ask Gary to come in within a month to discuss this and bridges in general.
6. Notice from NHRS about their investments.
7. Note from Jim Hamilton thanking the Board for approving his building permit and assuring them that he will construct a home as quickly as possible.
8. Request for funding from Monadnock United Way.
9. Notice from Comcast.
10. Notice from the Marlborough Planning and Zoning Board regarding a cemetery and a cell tower.
11. Notice from St. Jean Auctioneers about the fall surplus auction.
12. Thank you letter to George Morgan Jr. for this work on the town signs.
13. Thank you letter to Francestown Sand & Gravel for the material they donated for the horse sheds.
14. Notice from NHDES regarding missing information on an application for Map 13 Lot 26 & 27.
15. Press release for the Household Hazardous Waste Day scheduled for October 12, 2013.

Liaison Reports

Scott stated he has a SAC Subcommittee meeting coming up. They are putting together a survey for residents and the Board agreed the Town would pay for postage for it.

The Board discussed the Activity Event from Saturday and thought it went well but had hoped for more attendance.

Old Business

Mike stated he did follow-up on the concerns regarding communication with the hauler on weekends or off hours and it was found that with NRRA we would still get the same level of communication because we would have cell numbers for the hauler and cell number for our member services rep. Mike stated he felt that it would be a positive situation having the smaller company (Naughton & Son) to deal with and if anything happened with them then you have the larger company (NRRA) still responsible. NRRA said if any changes needed to be made for them to access the containers it would be at their expense. Mike said he checked references with other towns and they have had a good relationship with both companies. Mike said he recommends the total contract be awarded to NRRA although he doesn't feel strongly between Monadnock and NRRA for recycling. The Board discussed and unanimously agreed to award the total contract to NRRA.

Mike said last year it was discussed to do a wage classification study for stipend officials and also all employees to see how we compared to other towns. The Board discussed how to pick comparable towns and told Mike he could talk to consulting companies to see what one might cost.

Mike said the painting of the transfer station is complete and it came out very nice.

The Board agreed to hire Jen Noonan to have the front of the annex painted for \$1,200. The Board discussed potential projects for the prisoners to do next year.

Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the September 9th meeting minutes as written.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Betsy adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Wendy Brien-Baker

Approved on November 25, 2013

Board of Selectmen Chair Betsy Hardwick

Selectman Scott S. Carbee

Selectperson Abigail Arnold