

TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

September 30, 2013

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

Staff Present: Town Administrator Michael Branley

Also present: Betty Behrsing, Robin Haubrich, Jan Hicks, John Arnold, Polly Freese, Lawrie Barr, Tom Anderson, Charlie Pyle, and Judi Miller

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

Items to Sign

1. Payroll Manifest for 9/30/13
2. Payables Manifest for 9/30/13
3. Highway Safety Committee Charge
4. Betsy asked and Mike responded Town Counsel had a few comments on the NRRA contract which NRRA accepted as drafted.

MOTION: Scott made a motion to approve the contract with NRRA, seconded by Abigail. All in favor.

New Business

Mike stated he has three companies coming in Wednesday to review all of the Town's facilities and make a recommendation as to what work is needed to make all of our alarm systems fully functioning as part of their proposal to take over maintenance of our systems.

Scott stated there is some crushed stone left over near the Heritage Museum and asked if the Highway Department could rake it out and the Board agreed. Scott stated the Cemetery Commission had a tree taken down at Cemetery #1 and there is some cord wood in Sanchioni's driveway that he would like Highway to take over to the Town wood bank and the Board agreed.

Correspondence

1. Planning Board Notice of Decision for the Wohle farm stand. Abigail asked if a copy of this and the Cilley notice of decision had been forwarded to Ed for enforcement and Mike stated he was planning to discuss both of them with Ed this Wednesday.

2. Notice from Upton and Hatfield regarding the New England Telephone value defense.
3. Notice from the Board of Tax and Land Appeals regarding PSNH.
4. Zoning Board of Adjustment minutes for Crotched Mountain Ski and Ride.
5. Notice from HealthTrust stating that Wendy Lee Parker is leaving HealthTrust to be the Executive Director of the Property-Liability Trust.
6. Letter from Jason Martel at the Francestown Village Store stating there is not an apartment upstairs and that without the apartment it meets the requirements for the septic – Ed performed an inspection and confirmed that there is not an apartment.
7. Bridge Inspection report for the 2nd NH Turnpike S. temporary bridge.
8. Letter from the State of NH Homeland Security regarding the Town's reimbursement related to storm NEMO. Mike stated he would have it on the Board's agenda for their next meeting so they can formally accept the funds.
9. Email from Ethel MacStubbs regarding the theft of monuments in Candia. The Board discussed insurance and security at cemeteries.
10. Notice from Xfinity about a fee change.
11. Notice from the Town of Hopkinton regarding a hearing for a proposed cell tower on October 8th.
12. Letter from Francestown Village Water Company requesting a written response on the Board's rationale for their denial. The Board agreed to have Mike send them another copy of the recommendation from our assessor. Abigail clarified that this is not a hearing as they referenced, just an appointment with the Board.
13. Letter from NH DOT with their comments on CLD's proposed construction engineering contract where the DOT felt that many of their rates and estimates were overstated. There was a discussion about the Russell Station Road Bridge overrun and how that may be related to some of their over-budgeted figures. The Board agreed they would like CLD to come in to discuss the situation.

Liaison Reports

Abigail stated she understands that the Planning Board is going to discuss at their meeting tomorrow some potential zoning changes related to agricultural uses.

Administrative Update

Mike stated on October 14th the Board has the Water Company appointment and on October 28th Elaine would like Avitar to come in and do a demonstration for software she is interested in and the Board agreed. The Board agreed to ask Gary and CLD to come in on October 21st to discuss what he is thinking on the CLD contract and engineering for the other bridges.

Betsy stated the Town clock is temporarily shut off for repairs.

NEXT BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING: October 7th at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Betsy adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Michael Branley

Approved on November 25, 2013

Board of Selectmen Chair Betsy Hardwick

Selectman Scott S. Carbee

Selectperson Abigail Arnold