

TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
OFFICE OF SELECTMEN
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

November 10, 2014

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

Staff Present: Town Administrator Michael Branley & Police Chief Stephen Bell

Also present: Elsie Mikula, Sarah Cox, Ben Haubrich, Polly Freese, Betty Berhsing, Becky Moul, Mike Tartalis, John Arnold

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

Appointments

1. Chief Bell stated it was a good week, voting went pretty well. With Veterans Day tomorrow he will be there for traffic. Sarah asked if the break-ins had been resolved and Chief Bell stated they were still working on that. He stated that surrounding Towns have been experiencing break-ins as well. Ben stated on Journeys End Road he observed some road mischief that he reported to the police.
2. Elsie Mikula stated she received an inventory penalty on her tax bill. She has been in and out of the hospital and rehab so she did not know about the inventory form and does not know if she received the form. The Board agreed these were extenuating circumstances and agreed to waive the penalty.
3. Daniel Lewis – Daniel stated he is requesting limited use of roads with his ATV and he spoke to Chief Bell about the possibility. He discussed some of the laws related to ATV safety. The Board discussed with him some of the roads he was requesting and what his plans were. The Board granted him permission for the list of roads for which prior applicants have been given permission. Written authorization will be drafted by Mike Branley.

Items to Sign

1. Payroll Manifest for November 10, 2014
2. Payables Manifest for November 10, 2014
3. Building Permit for Map 3, Lot 9-1 for a shed
4. Memo from the Board of Selectmen approving the addition of Elaine T. McClary as assistant to the Town Clerk and Tax Collector, effective November 17, 2014
5. Abatement for properties with a negative 2nd bill
6. Memo to waive inventory penalties for 8-93-2 and 6-35-3

Appointments (continued)

4. Waste Disposal Committee – Becky stated that Abigail mentioned the possibility of reviewing the fees at the transfer station. Mike stated the fees date back to 2007 and he thought it was probably time to review them to see if they are still balancing the expense side and the Board agreed they would like the Committee to look at it. Becky stated the committee would like to request a change to how cardboard is broken down and the Board agreed they would like to see it improved. Becky stated the Committee would like to see the tarmac maintained and the Board agreed to ask Gary to look at it. Becky stated the attendants went to a training seminar regarding scrap metal and they are going to provide information regarding the state regulations related to scrap metal piles. Becky asked if the Board had discussed the concrete slab and they agreed they had not, however it is in the Capital Improvement Program for 2016. Becky stated the Committee is still working on getting together a firm price. Polly asked a question about the cardboard discussion and it was answered that she could continue doing what she is doing.

New Business

1. Employee and Volunteer Appreciation Dinner – Unlike last year, this year Crotched Mountain will charge a room fee. Mike warned that, depending on the number of people attending, the cost might go over the budgeted amount and the Board agreed they would still like to go forward with the dinner on December 5th.
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Correspondence

1. Chief Bell's Weekly Report
2. Weekly Administrative Report
3. Letter from Nancy Mayville indicating approval of the revised CLD proposal for construction of Woodward Hill Road Bridge
4. Letter from Nancy Mayville stating NH DOT has inspected the new bridge on 2nd NH Turnpike S.
5. Memo from Harry Woodbury and the Pleasant Pond Association requesting funding from the Town to support the Lake Host Program
6. 2015 Draft Proposal for IT Services from Twin Bridges - the Board agreed they intend to continue using Twin Bridges
7. Letter from HealthTrust indicating they will be able to distribute more surplus back to members than originally thought
8. Memo from Pam Finnell requesting coverage for her planned absence

Old Business

Scott stated in between the Library and the Francestown Village Store there is a section of land where the Town bulletin board used to be and he stated he would not like to relocate the Rose of Sharon to the area. The Board agreed to ask the Library to keep it around their building.

Administrative Update

Mike stated we currently have a one year contract with Roberts & Green with an option for the 2014 audit for \$9,900.00. The Board agreed they would like to continue using Roberts & Green. Mike stated we have an option with Bryant Landscaping for 2015 with a not-to-exceed. The Board authorized Mike to negotiate with Bryant for next year. Mike stated we are expecting an increase in general assessing next year, however, we are still waiting for an estimate. The Board agreed they would like to use M&N Assessing for 2015.

Approval of Minutes

1. The Board approved the October 23rd minutes as written
2. The Board approved the November 3rd minutes as written

Questions/Comments

Polly asked what the electrical trucks in Town are for and Scott stated they are restringing and making upgrades to the electrical lines.

NEXT BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING: 6:30 p.m. on November 17, 2014

ADJOURNMENT: Abigail adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Michael Branley

Approved on November 24, 2014

Board of Selectmen Chair Abigail Arnold

Selectman Scott S. Carbee

Selectperson Betsy Hardwick