

**TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN**  
OFFICE OF SELECTMEN  
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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**

**November 17, 2014**

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

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

Also present: Jan Hicks, Tom Anderson, Polly Freese, Michael Tartalis, Deborah Rodgers

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

**Appointments**

1. Police Chief Stephen Bell – Chief Bell stated he had an arrest last week for a repeat offender. He responded to a call regarding OHRVs operating on Scoby Road. The Board and Chief Bell discussed granting permission to OHRVs to operate on Town roads. Chief Bell stated he is not in favor of allowing people to operate OHRVs on Town roads. Chief Bell stated based on the timing of the traffic counter the Board may need to encumber the funds into next year. Chief Bell stated he would try to get information from Fish and Game. The Board agreed to continue the discussion next week. Deb Rodgers asked if there was any progress on the burglaries in the Dennison Pond Road area and Chief Bell said no, for the most part he has been running into dead ends. He stated he is coordinating with other area police departments. The Board agreed to hold permission to operate OHRVs on Town roads to Mr. Lewis for the time being.
2. Michael Tartalis – He said that the article in the Ledger “set him off” and made him nervous about OHRVs on Town roads. He wanted to know specifically what the Town plans to allow and talked about State regulations and potential costs associated with allowing OHRVs to use the trails and roads. He outlined a host of problems he fears will occur and is against allowing OHRVs to use Town roads and/or trails. The Board also told Mr. Tartalis that the article in the Ledger was inaccurate.

Deborah Rodgers reviewed with the Board where the Library Trustees would like the Rose of Sharon to be moved to and the Board agreed with her suggestion. Deb thanked the Board for their support working on the chimneys and the water issues. Abigail stated she spoke to Paul Knight who stated Carol asked him about putting a wrought iron fence around the foundation area of the library. The Board agreed they wanted to check about the snow removal implications before going forward.

### **Items to Sign**

1. Payroll Manifest for 11/17/14
2. Payables Manifest for 11/17/14
3. Abatement related to the inventory penalty on Mikula
4. Intent-to-cut for Map 6 Lot 75 & 76
5. CLD engineering services contracts for Woodard Hill and Juniper Hill Road Bridge projects

**MOTION:** Scott made a motion to authorize Abigail to sign the agreements with CLD for the Woodward and Juniper Hill Road Bridge projects, seconded by Betsy. All in favor.

### **New Business/Correspondence**

1. Chief Bell's weekly report
2. Letter from Crotched Mountain Ski & Ride regarding their winter schedule
3. Weekly Administrative Report from Mike
4. Estimate from Eric Grenier for upgrade to the rear exterior door at the Town Offices
5. Email forwarded to the Board from Town Counsel Bart Mayer regarding security and damage around cell tower - the Board agreed to refer the matter to the Planning Board as a site plan change
6. On November 22<sup>nd</sup> the lights will be hung on the Town Common Christmas Tree
7. Scoby Bridge is open to traffic today

### **Liaison Reports**

Scott stated the District Study Committee is about half finished reviewing the Articles of Agreement and they are also investigating what can be done to revitalize interest in ConVal and bring new students from surrounding towns to the school.

Betsy stated the Conservation Commission has approved the use of the log landing on the right side of Shattuck Road by the logging operation on the Arnold property. They have confirmed they will return the property to its original condition or better when completed.

**NEXT BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING:** November 24, 2014

**ADJOURNMENT:** Abigail adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Michael Branley

Approved on March 9, 2015

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Board of Selectmen Chair, Abigail Arnold

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Selectmen Scott S. Carbee

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Betsy Hardwick