

TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

February 10, 2014

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

Staff Present: Town Administrator Michael Branley

Also present: Tom Anderson, Mike Tartalis, Kitty Houghton, Janet Quilty, Sarah & Charlie Pyle, BJ Carbee, Polly Freese, John Arnold, Lawrie Barr, Thomas Clark, Betty Behrsing, Lisa Bourbeau, Jeff Tarr, Tom Paige, Elizabeth Lavallee, Ben & Robyn Haubrich, Jan Hicks, Judi Miller and others unknown to the minute taker.

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

Items to Sign

1. Payables Manifest for 2/10/14
2. Payroll Manifest for 2/10/14
3. 2014 Town Holiday Schedule
4. 2014 Ambulance Contract with Peterborough. The Board authorized Betsy to sign it for the Town.
5. Application for Current Use Map 3 Lot 106
6. Veteran's Tax Credit – the Board agreed to confirm whether the applicant lived in the property.
7. Intent to cut for Map 4 Lot 8
8. Abatement for prior tax deferral submitted Map 2 Lot 34
9. Driveway Application for Map 5 Lot 10. The Board agreed they had waived the safe sight distance requirement.

New Business

1. Review of the two Petitioned Warrant Articles – Mike stated one was for making a proclamation and sending documentation to our representatives at the State and Federal government on campaign finance reform and the other is regarding Cressy Hill Road and the status of its classification. Mike said he had Town Counsel review the article and has a letter from him in correspondence. He asked the Board to allow the letter to become a public document and the Board agreed. The Board discussed where to place these articles on the warrant. Abigail suggested placing the Cressy Hill Road article before the operating budget article since it may cause an amendment to the budget. The Board

agreed to place the Cressy Hill Road article at number 10 and the campaign article at the end.

2. Betsy asked if there were any changes to the Selectmen's Report that they would like to see made and Abigail and Scott said it was good as written.
3. The Board discussed whether or not they wanted to move forward with a new alarm company for 2014 or if they wanted to give the current company another chance. The Board agreed to give Capital Alarm one more chance. They also discussed if the budget could be lowered in the alarm line. Mike will look into it.
4. Scoby Pond Milfoil Grant document – The Board approved the document and authorized any Select Board member or Michael to be the signer of the Grant.
5. Mike said he put together presentation sheets for the Budget Hearing and suggested he will go through them and allow questions after each. The Board took a look at the presentation and said it looked good.

Correspondence

1. Scoby Pond Milfoil Treatment Report for 2013.
2. Acknowledgement receipt from NHDES for the 2nd NH Turnpike Bridge project.
3. Notice from ConVal regarding rescheduling of deliberative session.
4. Engagement letter from Bond Counsel for the Turnpike Bridge and assisting with the Town Hall Project.
5. Betsy's letter to NHDES requesting an expedited review of the Turnpike Bridge application.
6. Mike's Weekly Update January 25 & 31, 2014
7. Notice from the BTLA granting an extension with the Frankestown Village Water Company.
8. Memo from Linda Kunhardt regarding the CIP Plan.
9. December General Fund reconciliation.
10. Right to Know Request from Thomas Anderson.
11. Copy of the Turnpike Wetlands Permit.
12. Request from the Red Cross for funding.
13. Notice from Comcast.
14. Budget to Actuals through December 2013

Liaison Reports

1. Scott said the SAC Committee made a motion not to support the ConVal budget at the deliberative session. Scott said the turn out for the session was very poor and there is talk about switching to Saturday instead of a week night for the deliberative session.

Approval of Minutes

Abigail made a motion to approve the following minutes and Scott seconded. All in favor.

November 21, 2013 as written

November 25, 2013 as written
December 4, 2013 as written
December 9, 2013 as written
December 16, 2013 as written
December 30, 2013 as written
January 6, 2014 as amended
January 13, 2014 as written
January 27, 2014 as written

Scott asked how the salt budget was looking. Mike said he would talk to Gary and compare to last year and will report back.

NEXT BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING: Warrant & Budget Public Hearing Tuesday
February 11, 2014

ADJOURNMENT: Betsy adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Wendy Brien-Baker