

TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
OFFICE OF SELECTMEN
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

March 10, 2014

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

Staff Present: Town Administrator Michael Branley

Also present: Betty Behrsing, Jeff Tarr, Polly Freese, Judi Miller, Tom Anderson, John Arnold, Charlie Pyle, Jan Hicks, and Lisa Bourbeau

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

Items to Sign

1. Payroll Manifest 3/10/14
2. Payables Manifest 3/10/14

New Business

1. Town Meeting Preparation – Mike stated that he and Gary met to review the budget to date and discussed increasing salt by \$5,000. Mike said through February we have spent just under \$35,000 of the \$43,000 budgeted. There was a discussion regarding the salt line being increased. The Board agreed to hold the salt budget line at \$43,000 and stay with their overall Highway budget recommendation. Mike asked if the Board wanted to go over the list of articles for Town Meeting and who wanted to move and speak on them. Betsy said she had the list at home and if the Board was ok with what they had previously decided then she would send it to Mike to and the Moderator. Mike said the Town has purchased a projector and asked if it made sense to go over an abbreviated list of major budget changes at Town Meeting. The Board agreed this was a good idea. The Board discussed resolutions. Scott stated he and Mike went to the school to look at the auditorium and discussed Town Meeting set-up.
2. Betsy stated for the Miller and Schott public hearing under RSA 36A she needs Board approval to move forward.

MOTION: Scott made a motion to approve acquiring an executory interest on the Schott property, Tax Map 5 Lots 32, 32-1, 33 & 34 and for the Miller property to provide a Right of Way over Tax Map 8 Lot 55. Seconded by Abigail. All in favor.

3. Scott mentioned a letter to the editor in the Mondanock Ledger Transcript by Sarah Pyle and stated he was not present at the sitewalk referenced by the author June 15, 1997.

Correspondence

1. Notice from the Union Leader regarding the upcoming 2nd NH Turnpike project. Mike stated this has also been posted on the Town Website, at the Town Offices, and at the Post Office. The non-mandatory pre-bid meeting is 3/19 at 10:00 a.m.
2. Letter from Richard Barbalato complimenting the Highway Department.
3. Note from Elly Miles regarding the plant sale May 18th and is requesting permission to use the Town Common. The Board granted permission and agreed that Mike could grant permission for repeat events with new events coming to the Board.
4. Email from Sarah Bergeron regarding a fireworks display approval needed for Crotched Mountain Golf Club on March 22nd from the Fire Chief and the Board of Selectmen. The Board agreed to have Mike draw up a letter of approval for them to sign.
5. Mike's response to Bill McAuley regarding the tree cutting PSNH is doing.
6. Mike's Weekly Update for March 7th
7. Email from Bart Mayer regarding Town Meeting questions. Mike said it has been forwarded to Paul Lawrence and Maureen vonRosenvinge.
8. 2011 Unpaid Receivables. Mike stated this is a preliminary update of properties that could go to tax deed.
9. Reconciliation for period ending 1/31/2014

Old Business

Betsy stated the potential concerns brought forward on the milfoil treatment at Scobie Pond have been answered by Amy Smagula of NHDES and everything has been addressed.

Polly Freese asked if anyone knew when the scenic road hearing would be for the cutting of the trees that PSNH is doing. Mike said he was told they would have a letter requesting a hearing in by the end of the week but does not know if it had been submitted to the Planning Board yet.

Tom Anderson asked what the outcome of the BTLA hearing with Francestown Village Water was. Scott said there would not be a judgment for approximately thirty days. There was a heated discussion regarding the BTLA hearing.

MOTION: Betsy made a motion to enter nonpublic session seconded by Scott pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a) personnel.

Roll Call vote to enter nonpublic session:	Betsy Hardwick	Aye
	Scott Carbee	Aye
	Abigail Arnold	Aye

The meeting room was cleared and the Board entered nonpublic session at 7:05 p.m.

At 7:30 p.m. the Board returned to public session having decided to seal the minutes having voted by a vote of 2/3's or greater of the members present to not disclose the minutes and decisions reached therein to the public, as divulgence of the information discussed likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of the public body itself, until – in the opinion of a majority of the members – the aforesaid circumstances no longer apply.

NEXT BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING: March 17, 2014

ADJOURNMENT: Betsy adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Wendy Brien-Baker

Approved on March 9, 2015

Board of Selectmen Chair, Abigail Arnold

Selectmen Scott S. Carbee

Selectperson Betsy Hardwick