

TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
OFFICE OF SELECTMEN
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

March 17, 2014

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

Staff Present: Town Administrator Michael Branley; Road Agent Gary Paige, Police Chief Steve Bell

Also present: Polly Freese, Tom Anderson, Betty Berhsing, Jan Hicks, Jeff Tarr, Judi Miller, Lisa Bourbeau, John Arnold, BJ Carbee and Dennis Orsi.

CALL TO ORDER: Betsy called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

New Business

1. Road Agent Gary Paige – Gary discussed the trucks he was looking at for a one ton dump truck including a Ford 450, Ford 550 or a Dodge 5500. Gary stated his preference is to purchase an on-the-lot Ford 550 and they discussed the warranties and equipment outfitting packages. Abigail asked and Gary answered that the total cost would be approximately \$54,400 not including the warranty. The Board agreed to go with the 2014 (last year's model left on the lot) Ford 550 from Hillsboro Ford for \$54,465 with a warranty for \$3,085.

MOTION: Scott made a motion to trade in the Chevy and purchase the F550 from Hillsboro Ford with a net cost of \$32,214, with outfitting from Osgood for \$22,265, and the extended warranty for \$3,085. Seconded by Betsy. All in Favor

Gary discussed posting of the roads for a 6-ton weight limit in the newspaper Thursday effective Monday 3/24 and the Board agreed. The Board agreed to have Gary begin working on a request for proposal for Soby Bridge. Mike stated the pre-bid meeting for the Turnpike Bridge project is Wednesday at 10 a.m.

2. Police Chief Steve Bell – Chief Bell stated we had been discussing the Interceptor SUV so that is what he got quotes for. The original new SUV he was looking at was \$27,000 with an approximate trade-in for the Crown Victoria is \$1,500-\$2,000. Chief Bell stated Hillsboro Ford has a 2013 demo in stock with under 100 miles for \$24,306 and that is his preference; they have offered \$1,500 trade-in for the Crown Victoria. Scott asked if we would purchase a warranty with it as well and Chief Bell's answered he did not think it was worth it because the mileage is put on too quickly to make it worthwhile.

MOTION: Scott made a motion to trade in the Crown Victoria and purchase a 2013 Interceptor SUV from Hillsboro Ford for \$22,806, and outfit for approximately \$9,000 with Beltronics. Seconded by Abigail. All in favor.

Items to Sign

1. Payroll Manifest for 3/17/14
2. Payables Manifest for 3/17/14
3. Letter of approval for the fireworks display at Crotched Mountain Golf Course.
4. Management representation letter for the 2013 audit – Mike stated he is planning to schedule Roberts and Greene to come in to meet with the Board in early to mid April and the Board agreed.

New Business continued

1. Mike stated the only building project that we need to work quickly on is the furnaces for the Fire Station because there were still grants available through PSNH as long as money lasts. Mike said hopefully we will move forward when it is warm enough and he will be contacting Chief Kullgren to discuss the quotes and come back to the Board to make final decisions.
2. The Board discussed contacting Phil D'Avanza to get the clock project coordinated.
3. The Board reviewed exemption/credit verification letters that will be going out this year to all that currently receive them. The Board approved the letters as written.
4. Mike asked the Board what they would like to see done with the information we are receiving from the inventory forms. The Board agreed to put the census information in a spread sheet by map and lot number and to give Elaine copies of any forms with dog information. Mike asked how strict the Board would like to be with inventory forms not being signed by the actual property owner. The Board agreed the property owner must sign the inventory forms.
5. Grading chart for Map 3 Lot 4 timber cut – the Board graded the cut.

Liaison Reports

Nothing to report.

Correspondence

1. Mike's weekly report for 3/17/14
2. Letter from NH 100 informing us of the annual race on August 17th
3. Chief Bell's Weekly Report for the week ending 3/15/14
4. Request for information from Guy Tollman.
5. Correspondence from Amy Smagula regarding the concerns with the Scoby Milfoil treatment.
6. NRRA thank you letter for payment of annual dues.
7. Letter from NH Division of Fire Safety regarding fireworks regulations.

8. Response from Bryan Nowell regarding limb cutting on Pleasant Pond Road – the Board discussed how they might want to handle that in the future and agreed to talk about it.
9. Letter from Mr. and Mrs. James Whipple in response to the response to the fire at George and Jackie Whipple's house and commending the Fire and Police Departments.
10. Memo Mike wrote that was read at Town Meeting regarding Cressy Hill.

BJ stated there was a fire in Bennington and the first department to respond was Francestown and they were commended at the scene on their response.

The Board discussed switching to Southern NH Regional Planning Commission and agreed the Planning Board needs to commit to attending the Commission's meetings regularly before a final decision can be made.

NEXT BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING: March 24, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Betsy adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Wendy Brien-Baker

Approved on March 31, 2014

Board of Selectmen Chair Betsy Hardwick

Selectman Scott S. Carbee

Selectperson Abigail Arnold