

TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
OFFICE OF SELECTMEN
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

April 21, 2014

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

Staff Present: Town Administrator Michael Branley and Police Chief Steve Bell

Also present: None

CALL TO ORDER: Betsy called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

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 5:00 p.m.

At 5:50 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.

Also present: Betty Behrsing, Lisa Bourbeau, Polly Freese, Judi Miller and Jan Hicks

Appointments

1. Police Chief Steve Bell – Chief Bell stated that we are still waiting on some components of the cruiser fit-up. Chief Bell stated for the Stealth Stat Traffic Monitoring Device we are going to be applying for the grant in October. Chief Bell stated the department is monitoring changing traffic patterns for this time of year. Chief Bell stated there have been some calls about people taking wood along Route 47 that does not belong to them. The department has been investigating the complaints. Betsy asked how Chief Bell feels he is doing with this budget and Chief Bell responded he thinks he is about on track.

Items to Sign

1. Payables Manifest for 4/21/14
2. Payroll Manifest for 4/21/14
3. Contract with Target New England for painting of the cupola of the Town Hall

MOTION: Scott made a motion to approve the contract with Target New England for the painting of the cupola of the Town Hall. Seconded by Betsy. All in favor.

4. Contract between the Town and George Cairns, Inc. for the reconstruction of the bridge on 2nd NH Turnpike S.

MOTION: Scott made a motion to approve the contract with George Cairns, Inc. for the reconstruction of the bridge on 2nd NH Turnpike South and to authorize Betsy to sign it. Seconded by Betsy. All in favor.

5. Timber Yield Tax Map 4 Lot 8

New Business

1. Betsy stated we have received a request from the Grapevine to put up a 5 X 4 foot sign on the common for an upcoming event. The Board agreed to approve the sign within the size allotted by the Town's ordinance for 7 days in advance of the event.
2. LCHIP – Betsy stated the grant is due June 27 and applicants need to attend a grant writing workshop. The Board agreed to talk about it more on Wednesday.
3. Review of letters of interest for open committee positions. The Board briefly reviewed the letters we have received so far and discussed where we are short.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Henry Kunhardt to the BTLA where the Selectmen were copied regarding the Board of Tax and Land Appeals' decision regarding the charitable status of Francetown Village Water Company. Betsy asked and Mike answered we have 30 days to appeal the decision of the BTLA and the decision letter was dated April 1.
2. Mike's weekly update April 18, 2014

Betsy asked how the Mooseplate Grant was coming along. Mike answered good, that Phil D'Avanza visited last Wednesday and they went and took pictures of the parts of the face showing screws and pieces lifting off the face. Mike said he has been working on getting the pictures together with captions and has received letters of support.

Betsy said the Scenic Road Hearing related to the 2nd NH Turnpike Bridge project is scheduled for April 29. Mike said the site walk will be held 15 minutes before.

3. Letter from State of NH Office of Energy and Planning regarding the transfer to Southern NH Planning Commission.

4. Police Report 4/7 to 4/13
5. Letter from James R. St. Jean Auctioneers regarding State surplus auction May 17, 2014.
6. Request from Jellison's Funeral Home to borrow the hearse for the parade in Peterborough. After discussion, the Board agreed they did not feel comfortable with this.
7. March Financial Report

Old Business

Betsy stated Gary is hoping to remove the weight postings within a week or so and the Board agreed.

Liaison Reports

Scott stated there was a Selectmen's Advisory Committee Meeting last week and it was brought up that they are going to be doing the school budget differently this year and will be working through the summer on it.

Administrative Update

Already covered above.

Judi asked if anyone knew why the power went out this afternoon and there was a brief discussion.

Polly asked if we had received a letter regarding the scenic road hearing for the Turnpike and the Board stated they have heard nothing.

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

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NEXT BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING: Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Betsy adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Wendy Brien-Baker

BoS Minutes
April 21, 2014

Approved on May 6, 2014

Board of Selectmen Chair Betsy Hardwick

Selectman Scott S. Carbee

Selectperson Abigail Arnold