

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

**June 23, 2014**

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

Staff Present: Town Administrator Michael Branley

Also present: Charlie Pyle, Tom Anderson, Betty Behrsing, Michael Tartalis, Jan Hicks, Polly Freese, John Arnold and Judi Miller

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

**Appointments**

1. Charlie Pyle – Charlie stated FIHS has two wooden benches currently stored in the horse sheds to be put together this week and placed on the Town Common. Charlie stated they were bought with donated funds and he expects they will have plaques on them. Charlie stated he needed the Board's approval for the Labor Day parade and the Board agreed to grant permission. Charlie outlined some changes to Labor Day for this year. Charlie proposed the possibility of a classic car show in Town during the summer which may use Town properties. He said he would come back with potential details however the Board agreed they thought it was a good idea. Charlie said the Eggert family donated money for a tree and there was a discussion regarding a place to put a tree and what type.

**Items to Sign**

1. Payroll Manifest for 6/23/14
2. Payables Manifest for 6/23/14
3. Timber tax grading for Map 6 Lot 73
4. Timber tax warrant for Map 9 Lot 32
5. Timber tax warrant for Map 8 Lot 59

**New Business**

1. Annual delinquent dog licensing list – the Board agreed to forward it along to the Police Department for service.
2. Smith property Tax Deeding – Abigail said Ed did look at the property and didn't feel there was a reason not to accept the deed. Scott did not sign the deed. The Board agreed

to authorize Mike to secure the property and begin the noticing steps for an auction of the property.

### **Correspondence**

1. Mike's weekly administrative update June 21
2. Crotched Mountain Golf Course Abatement – Mike stated this is a correction of the abatement from last week based on a minor omission of the prior document for a reduction in assessed value of \$85,200 instead of \$82,200.
3. Copy of a "Thank You" letter to Warren Kiblin from the Trustees of the Old Meeting House of Frankestown.
4. Copy of a letter of deficiency from DES to Pierrette Bilodeau where she is cited on four shoreline violations.
5. Letter from Republic Services stating they can no longer accept volumes into the Hooksett location. Mike explained this is where our aluminum goes, and will now go to Concord.
6. Email from Elizabeth Lavalley with photos showing a library event at the Town Hall.
7. Email from Betsy Hardwick regarding a large maple on 2<sup>nd</sup> NH Turnpike S. that has a rotted base and PSNH has agreed to remove it if the Selectmen agree it's a public hazard. The Board agreed to allow PSNH to remove the tree as it is a hazard to the public.
8. Invitation to the Frankestown Village Store Bicentennial Celebration on July 12 at 2:00 p.m.

### **Liaison Reports**

1. Abigail stated the scenic road hearing for the trees on the Turnpike has been continued to July 1<sup>st</sup> with a site hearing at 6:30.

### **Old Business**

1. Abigail asked the Board if they wanted to undertake enforcement of the junkyard statutes around Town. The Board agreed to do an educational effort through the Frankestown News and go from there.

The Board reviewed the draft purchasing policy and made a few revisions.

**MOTION:** Scott made a motion to adopt the purchasing policy as amended. Seconded by Betsy. All in favor.

2. Town Hall Update – Mike said there was a conference call Wednesday and the final application went out in the mail today. Mike said he is finalizing the documentation for the prior grant which will be sent out by the end of the week. Abigail said to keep in mind that during the previous grant process, about a month before giving the grants, LCHIP asked for an update on all new secured funds.

## Administrative Update

1. Mike said we had a visit from Greg Heyn of the Department of Revenue and he is working on the Town's assessment review.
2. Mike said we received painting proposals last week, three for the Fire Station and four for the Town Hall, he will be doing reference checks this week.
3. Mike said he left a message for Geoff Jones regarding tree removal and will call Andy Grant to have him update his proposal adding in two trees at the Town Office.

## Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the following minutes from as written:

June 2, 2014

June 4, 2014

**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 7:15 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:** Monday June 30, 2014

**ADJOURNMENT:** Abigail adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Wendy Brien-Baker

Approved on July 28, 2014

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Board of Selectmen Chair Abigail Arnold

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Selectman Scott S. Carbee

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Selectperson Betsy Hardwick