

TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

July 14, 2014

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

Staff Present: Town Administrator Michael Branley

Also present: Ben & Robyn Haubrich, Betty Behrsing, Polly Freese, Tom Anderson, Judi Miller, Becky Moul and Lisa Bourbeau

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

Appointments

1. Becky Moul – Becky stated the Waste Disposal Committee put together a recycling guide. They would like to have 1,000 pieces printed up and think they can absorb the cost of about \$315 in the transfer station's budget and the Board agreed.

Items to Sign

1. Payables Manifest for 7/14/14
2. Payroll Manifest for 7/14/14
3. Building Permit Application for Map 6 Lot 17
4. Building Permit Application for Map 3 Lot 75
5. Personnel Policy previously approved for signature
6. Timber grading chart – the Board agreed they wanted Mike to confirm the quantity of the cut

New Business

1. Fuel pricing information from Rymes and Irving. Mike said he got pricing for propane and heating oil and increased the amounts of both by approximately 300 gallons each. Mike said his opinion would be to go with Rymes for all fuels. The Board agreed and authorized Abigail to sign.
2. Email from Peter Milton thanking the Highway Department for fixing the culvert under his driveway, observation that the turnpike roadside is an eyesore, and a request to clear sand and stone debris from the Town Common. The Board agreed to have Gary take a look at the area.

3. Abigail said Betsy drafted a request for a waiver of the normal review for the Scoby Road Bridge Wetlands Permit, which will hopefully expedite the process.
4. Abigail asked if we were still waiting for Chief Kullgren to speak to CK Landmark regarding their painting proposals. There was a discussion regarding whether the painting prices were comparable to each other and what to do next. The Board agreed to wait until Chief Kullgren has spoken to CK Landmark.

Correspondence

1. Email from CLD regarding Woodward Hill Road and Juniper Hill Road Bridges and a meeting on August 20th to discuss environmental aspects.
2. Email from Jim Garvin regarding the conditions of putting the Town Hall on the National Register of Historic Places and the Board agreed they would like to move forward with putting the building on the registry.
3. Letter from Tom Anderson regarding a drug forfeiture settlement in 2010 and the payment of 5% that was due the Town. The Board agreed to have Mike follow-up by calling Town Counsel to see if he has any knowledge of this.
4. Email from BJ Carbee regarding an incident with a highway truck potentially spilling material onto the road. Abigail said to our knowledge the loads being transported are covered.
5. Slideshow from Legislative Wrap-up – Mike stated there were a few law changes that the Board may want to review.
6. Thulander Building Advisory Committee draft minutes. Mike stated the committee had received a letter from Bill McAuley and Bobby Abbott about their interest in serving as caretakers of the building and the committee had agreed they would like to have them serve in that post. The Board agreed they thought they would be an excellent fit.
7. Copy of a letter from NHDES regarding acceptance of the Wetlands Permit Application for Scoby Road.
8. Mike's Weekly Report July 14. Mike said the Assessor is working on the Reval and expects to have preliminary values sent out by the end of July and hearings for taxpayers will be conducted early in August. Mike said Greg Heyn from DRA has also been in picking up documents for the state review and will most likely be in the office in the fall reviewing files.
9. Email from PSNH regarding rate adjustments.
10. Request from Granite State Children's Alliance for funding.
11. Letter from PRIMEX regarding a credit for the premium holiday on the Town's Worker's Compensation. Mike said in the past the Board has requested a check for the balance beyond this year and the Board agreed to do this again.
12. Police Reports for weeks ending 6/19 and 6/26.
13. Report of laboratory analysis from NH Division of Public Health Services regarding water samples at Haunted Lake. Scott suggested putting a copy of the report at the beach.

Betsy stated the branches on Dennison Pond Road and Old County Road North are in the right of way and are a public hazard. The Board agreed they were a nuisance and a public hazard and directed the Road Agent to trim the branches in the right of way and the brush.

Administrative Update

Mike said he met with Geoff Jones looking at the trees to cut and he said he works on an hourly basis, but gave a comparison quote that it would be 2 days at \$125/hour which would be between \$2,000-\$2,250 and Andrew Grant's price was \$1,900. Mike asked the Board to hold off until he has a chance to walk the property with the Miltons and the Board agreed.

Polly stated there is a large tree on the Turnpike South that is a threat to the power lines. Scott stated he thought the Planning Board had overstepped their authority during the Scenic Road Hearing in discussing trees that were on the landowner's side of the stone walls.

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.

The Board discussed that Town Counsel had a few comments regarding Mike's revised employment agreement. The Board accepted some of the suggestions, rejected others and agreed to review the final agreement.

At 7:20 p.m. the Board returned to public session having not sealed the minutes.

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

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 7:20 p.m.

At 7:25 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 render a proposed action ineffective.

NEXT BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING: Thursday July 17 at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Abigail adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Wendy Brien-Baker

Approved on July 28, 2014

Board of Selectmen Chair Abigail Arnold

Selectman Scott S. Carbee

Selectperson Betsy Hardwick