

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

**July 21, 2014**

Selectmen Present: Chair Abigail Arnold and Scott Carbee

Staff Present: Town Administrator Michael Branley

Also present: Betty Behrsing, Judi Miller, and Tom Anderson

**CALL TO ORDER:** Abigail called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Abigail announced that the meeting is starting at 6:00 because some people are trying to attend a meeting regarding volunteer fire departments in Greenfield.

**Items to Sign**

1. Payables Manifest for July 21, 2014
2. Payroll Manifest for July 21, 2014
3. Memo to the Road Agent regarding trimming of branches and brush that are a public nuisance on Dennison Pond Road and Old County Road North.
4. Letter to Primex regarding the Town's preference to receive a check for the premium holiday beyond this year.
5. Employment Agreement for Michael Branley.

Tax exemption applications – the Board agreed to review these and make decisions at a future meeting.

**New Business**

1. Mike's Weekly Update July 17.
2. Tree removal – Abigail said we received two estimates for the tree removal at the Town Office and Town Common. The estimates were as follows:
  - Andrew Grant - \$1,900
  - Geoff Jones - \$125/hr \$2,000-\$2,250

The Board agreed to go with Andrew Grant and ask Mike to call and let him know.

3. Painting estimates for the fire station and the front of the Town Hall. Mike stated Larry spoke to CK Landmark and he is comfortable using them based on his interview with them. Larry would also like to use them to replace some of the siding that has rotted and the Board agreed.

**MOTION:** Scott made a motion to award the painting of the Fire Station and front of the Town Hall to CK Landmark and authorize Abigail to sign the contract. Seconded by Abigail. All in favor.

Mike said some carpentry work also needs to be done to the soffits in the back corners of the Town Hall where the animals have been getting in and would make sense to get an estimate from CK Landmark and Target New England for the work since they will both have lifts when doing the other work they have been contracted to do. The Board agreed.

Scott gave an update on the work being done on the Town clock and said there needs to be some coordination with Phil and Jim with the lift that may take place this week.

### **Correspondence**

1. Email from ConVal regarding District Study Committee meetings on August 11 – Scott stated some of them are trying to have the meeting night changed.
2. Email from Charlie Pyle requesting to reserve the Town Hall for FIHS for Labor Day activities August 29-September 1.
3. Email from Judi Miller suggesting the new benches on the Town Common be turned to face the Turnpike instead of the horse sheds.
4. Email response from Bart Mayer regarding the drug forfeiture money transfer and to his knowledge he does not have any record of it.
5. Request from the public assistance administrator for a lien on a property. The Board asked Mike to take care of this.
6. Report of laboratory analysis from NH Division of Public Health Services regarding water samples at Haunted Lake.
7. Copy of a letter from the Conservation Commission to NHDES regarding their approval of the request to waive the normal review process for the wetlands application for Scoby Road.

### **Administrative Update**

1. Mike said he attended a Turnpike Bridge update meeting today and the beams are set, the decking will be going up soon, and over all we are looking slightly ahead of schedule.
2. Mike said he met with Peter Milton last week regarding the trees to be trimmed behind the Town Hall and he was ok with what has been decided to be trimmed.
3. Mike said we have had the digging done at the Town Office, the foundation was worked on today and the steps are currently being built.

Abigail said Gary has received two quotes for the shimming and Brox had the lower amount. She said Gary plans to shim half of Mountain Road this year.

**NEXT BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING:** July 28 at 6:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Abigail adjourned the meeting at 6:20 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