

TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

August 11, 2014

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

Staff Present: Town Administrator Michael Branley

Also present: Judi Miller, Polly Freese, Mike Tartalis, Ben & Robyn Haubrich, Betty Berhsing, Jan Hicks and John Arnold

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

Items to Sign

1. Payables Manifest for 8/11/14
2. Payroll Manifest for 8/11/14
3. Appointment papers for incoming Deputy Town Clerk and Deputy Tax Collector Daryl Hazel and incoming Town Clerk and Tax Collector Pamela Finnell
4. Building Permit for Map 20 Lot 30-1
5. Building Permit for Map 3 Lot 33-4
6. Yield tax for Map 6 Lot 59

New Business

1. Abigail stated thanks to Mike, the Town has received a Mooseplate Grant for \$10,000 for the Town Clock and Town Hall project.
2. Mike said the work on the cupola has been ongoing and there has been a discovery of some rotten wood in the sophet which will need to be repaired. The Board agreed to look into the repair.
3. There was a discussion regarding the sidewalk in front of the Old Meetinghouse where it is broken and lifted. Scott said Gary can dig up the sidewalk and gravel the area until it can be paved. The Board asked Mike to have Gary take care of it.

Correspondence

1. Letter from NHDOT regarding partial reimbursement for the 2nd NH Turnpike Bridge.
2. Mikes Weekly Update 8/9/14
3. Recommendation from Bob Hayden to go back to PSNH for the winter months and in spring go back to the other supplier. The Board agreed.

4. Memo from Silas Little regarding the notice of the new assessment values and the timeframe for the informal hearings. The Board agreed and Mike stated the Assessors were going to be accommodating.
5. Email from Judi Miller regarding a request for a community-wide notice when there is a break-in in Frankestown. The Board asked Mike to ask Chief Bell if there was anything we could do. Judi also asked that Cross Road be graded and there is a large hole on Avery Road.
6. Letter of resignation from Charlie Pyle for his position as Deputy Treasurer. The Board asked Mike to post the position.
7. Reconciliation for period ending June 30, 2014.
8. Letter from HealthTrust regarding a settlement for regulatory complaint filed against them.
9. Letter from Primex regarding the Worker's Compensation refund.
10. Right to Know Request from Lisa Bourbeau and Guy Tolman classification of Cressy Hill Road and its reference on prior maps. Abigail stated the Right to Know Law is for requesting specific documents or correspondence related to a subject matter and the Board of Selectmen have no information regarding this. Abigail asked Mike to send Lisa and Guy a letter.
11. Betsy stated the RSA has been changed to allow for Town's already participating in the Legislative Update from NHMA State Bridge Aid to build bridges in the program earlier and get reimbursed by the State in their scheduled year.

Old Business

1. Inventory forms-Abigail said in the census data retrieved the population was only half (770) of what it actually is, therefore the information is not usable. After a discussion, the Board decided not to use the inventory forms in 2015.

Elaine McClary & Pamela Finnell joined the meeting.

MOTION: Abigail made a motion to accept the Mooseplate Grant for \$10,000 for the Town Clock restoration and to authorize Mike to sign relevant contracts. Seconded by Betsy. All in favor.

Administrative Update

1. Mike said Town Counsel has recommended that the Town use a Realtor for selling any Town property that does not get sold in auction. The Board agreed to request proposals.
2. Mike said he is meeting with Given Masonry next week to get a second quote on the Library chimney work.

Polly Freese asked how the Town Clock work qualified for the Mooseplate Grant and Mike answered it was through the position under the division of historical resources.

Ben Haubrich asked for the status of the Wilson Hill property auction. Mike said it is scheduled tentatively the first Saturday in October with a reserve of \$25,000.

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

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: August 25th at 6:30 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted by Wendy Brien-Baker

Approved on August 25, 2014

Board of Selectmen Chair Abigail Arnold

Selectman Scott S. Carbee

Selectperson Betsy Hardwick