

TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

September 22, 2014

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

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

Also present: Tom Anderson, Betty Behrsing, Jan Hicks, Polly Freese, Robyn and Ben Haubrich, Matt and Amelia Ruzicka, BJ Carbee and Paul Lawrence

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

Appointments

1. Police Chief Stephen Bell – Chief Bell stated there was a disturbance issue with a few vehicles on Todd Road, but it was resolved. Abigail asked and Chief Bell responded that it involved a resident. Abigail asked and Chief Bell responded that paperwork has been served to the owner of the aggressive dog on Russell Station Road. Tom Anderson asked about the status of the funds related to forfeiture case on Bible Hill Road and Chief Bell stated he would look into it.
2. Matt and Amelia Ruzicka – the Ruzicka's stated speed has been an issue by their house on the Turnpike early in the morning and Chief Bell indicated he would take a look. Matt said there has recently been a higher level of noise coming from the Highway Garage. Matt said some things that are occurring are horns beeping, yelling and back-up beepers going off in the early hours of the morning. Amelia said she found an ordinance under zoning regarding obnoxious noises where only agriculture is exempt. A discussion ensued and Abigail said Mike will make the highway employees aware of the situation and ask them to try to be more conscious of the noise levels.

Items to Sign

1. Payables Manifest for 9/22/2014
2. Payroll Manifest for 9/22/2014
3. Intent-to-cut for Map 12 Lot 12
4. Listing Agreement and Property Disclosure for East Road-Abigail asked if a listing price had been recommended and Mike answered that Judi recommended around \$35,000. The Board agreed to list the property at \$35,000.

MOTION: Scott made a motion for Abigail to sign the listing agreement with Judi Miller for the sale of the tax deeded property Map 4 Lot 17. Seconded by Betsy. All in favor.

Abigail stated the tax deed auction for 228 Wilson Hill Road is scheduled to October 4th at 10:00 AM and the Board authorized Mike to sign the purchase and sales agreement at the auction.

New Business

1. Agreements with CLD for final design engineering for the bridges on Juniper Hill Road and Woodward Hill Road. The Board agreed to authorize CLD to send the agreements along to Nancy Mayville for review and approval. Abigail said there was a meeting with CLD last week to discuss the cost of the Juniper Hill bridge and the explanation was that the increase was for a second category of engineering. There was also a discussion about reducing it to a one lane bridge to reduce the cost however it would incur additional engineering costs and would need a special waiver from the State. Abigail said other options were looked at but none made sense. Abigail said CLD was looking at doing a Public Hearing for this project in early October.
2. Deputy Treasurer Position – Abigail said we have a letter of interest from Kim Dalley for the Deputy Treasurer position and she read off her qualifications.

MOTION: Scott made a motion to appoint Kim Dalley. Seconded by Betsy. All in favor.

3. Moderator Paul Lawrence – Paul stated he had spoken with the state auditor regarding the primary election and he said ultimately the Town does not need to change anything. Paul said continuing with one Selectman at the polls is acceptable and that the incident in the parking lot can be dealt with in a reasonable way, potentially with a police presence outside in that area.

Correspondence

1. Chief Bell's Weekly Report 9/12 to 9/18
2. Michael's Weekly Report 9/19/14
3. Email from Becky Moul recommended continuing use of the existing E-Waste company.
4. Letter from HealthTrust regarding three upcoming public hearings.
5. Memo from James R. St. Jean Auctioneers about the state surplus auction.
6. Letter from the State of New Hampshire Division of Emergency Services & Communications informing us that they will be discontinuing the Emergency Stand-Alone functionality for isolated phone service for the entire state.
7. Letter from Meals on Wheels regarding their request for the 2015 budget of \$450.
8. United Way request for the 2015 budget.
9. Letter from the NH Association of Assessing Officials with their 2014-2015 Election Ballot.

Liaison Reports

1. Scott reported that the work to the cupola on the Town Hall is complete and have started the work on the gable. Scott said the minutes and Roman numerals have been installed on the clock and Warren is constructing a stand-alone pedestal for the sign to be displayed on to include a brass plate with an explanation of what the grant was for. The Board agreed this was a good idea.

Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of September 18th as amended.

There was a discussion regarding the perambulation with Greenfield. The Board asked Mike to contact Greenfield to start the process.

Administrative Update

1. Mike said he has estimated some town projects for the CIP program and costs are as follows:
 - Approximately \$30,000 for the Town Office painting, rot repairs and replacement storm windows.
 - Approximately \$15,000 for the horse sheds to paint and make structural repairs.
 - Approximately \$50,000 for the Fire Station ventilation. Mike said he is still waiting to hear back from Chief Kullgren
 - Approximately \$30,000 for the painting and repairs of the other sides of the Town Hall in 2017
 - Approximately \$20,000-\$25,000 for Library windows in 2016
2. Mike talked about the solar energy grant the Peterborough electricity buying group is applying for and stated the Town may get low cost renewable electricity from it.

NEXT BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING: Monday, September 29th at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Abigail adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Wendy Brien-Baker

Approved on September 29, 2014

Board of Selectmen Chair Betsy Hardwick

Selectman Scott S. Carbee

Selectperson Abigail Arnold