

TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

September 8, 2014

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

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

Also present: Betty Behrsing, Robyn Haubrich, Polly Freese, BJ Carbee, Tom Anderson, Rev. Beth Boisvert, Brad Howell, Jan Hicks, and Charlie & Sarah Pyle

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

Appointments

1. Police Chief Steve Bell – Chief Bell said he did not have anything to report, Labor Day went well. Abigail said we received a comment from Fletcher Taft about enforcing the speed limit on Route 136. Chief Bell stated the department does enforce the speed there but they also need to patrol the other roads in town. Abigail said we received an email from Stan Markowitz regarding a dog complaint. Chief Bell indicated he needed to discuss the matter with the animal control officer and it may result in a verbal warning, a written warning, or a summons.
2. Minister Beth Boisvert – Beth stated they would like to use the parking lot behind the town offices and the parking spots in front of the town offices on October 4th for a classic car show during their fall festival and the board agreed. There was a brief discussion about the sign for the event on the Town Common.
3. Brad Howell – Brad said he received an email from Amy Smagula with DES regarding the change in the process of grant money for milfoil and will be requiring an application. Brad offered to complete the application and suggested using last year's amount. The Board agreed to allow him to complete the application.

Items to Sign

1. Payables Manifest for 9/8/14
2. Payroll Manifest for 9/8/14
3. Letter to David Kullgren for his service fighting forest fires in Washington
4. Intent-to-cut for Map 9 Lot 38

New Business

1. The Board discussed the naming of the extension of Woodbury Lane. It had been discussed as being renamed Firefly Lane which was rejected by the State. Loon Way has been agreed to by residents.

MOTION: Betsy made a motion to name the extension of Woodbury Lane as Loon Way. Seconded by Scott. All in favor.

2. Request for proposals for realtor services – Scott recused himself. The Board reviewed proposals for realtor services to assist with the sale of the tax deeded lot on East Road from Judi Miller and BJ Carbee. The Board agreed to engage Judi Miller and Country Brokers.
3. Abigail said there was a tree touching the wires on Cross Road and asked Mike to coordinate with Gary to have it taken care of.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Sansoucy's office regarding utility values and the MS 1 form. The Board signed and approved the MS 1 for Mike to submit electronically.
2. Janet Quilty's resignation as Supervisor of the Checklist.
3. Wendy Brien-Baker's resignation as Executive Assistant.
4. Tax Collector Audit that indicates the accounts accurately reflect the financial statement of the tax collector's accounts upon the resignation of Elaine McClary.
5. Letters from HealthTrust regarding refund surplus checks for 2011 and 2012 and one from BSR regulatory proceeding.
6. Copy of a press release about the Scoby Herbicide Milfoil Treatment scheduled for September 11.
7. Meeting minutes from the Natural Resource Agency Meeting for Woodard Hill and Juniper Hill bridge projects.
8. Letter from NHMA stating there is a copy of the 2014-2015 NH Municipal Officials Directory in the office now.
9. Letter from SNHPC regarding the 2015-2016 membership fee.
10. Letter from the Kirlin's complimenting the Town's life guards and swim instructors.
11. Mike's Weekly Update 9/5/14
12. Public Auction ad for 228 Wilson Hill Road. Mike stated he checked with Town Counsel and the Town is auctioning the real estate and not the personal property.
13. Letter from Upton & Hatfield regarding the Fairpoint litigation.
14. Letter from CLD with an amendment request for Juniper Hill and Woodward Hill Bridges. The Board agreed they wanted to meet with CLD find out the reasons for the amendments.
15. Memo regarding the request for CIP information. The Board agreed to consider projects for inclusion in the CIP.
16. Police Reports 8/22 to 9/4

Liaison Reports

1. Scott gave an update on the cupola repairs are at the Town Hall.

There was a discussion regarding brush cutting.

Administrative Update

1. Mike gave an update on the painting and replacement of rotted boards at the Fire Station and said the painting of the Town Hall will start soon.
2. Mike said it is still very wet in the basement of the Library and he and Gary will be going to look at the outside drainage. He said the Trustees will also be attending the next meeting to discuss the next steps to resolve the issues.
3. Mike said he was informed the DES permit for Scoby bridge has been approved.

Approval of Minutes

The Board approved minutes from August 19th

NEXT BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING: September 15th at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Abigail adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Wendy Brien-Baker

Approved on September 15, 2014

Board of Selectmen Chair Abigail Arnold

Selectman Scott S. Carbee

Selectperson Betsy Hardwick