

**TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN**  
OFFICE OF SELECTMEN  
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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**  
  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2015**

Selectmen Present: Chairperson Abigail Arnold, Brad Howell, and Scott Carbee

Staff Present: Town Administrator Jamie A Pike

Also present: Michael Bruss, Michael Petrovick Gary Paige, Tom and Kay Anderson, Ben and Robin Haubrich, John and Patricia Thalhauser, Sarah and Charlie Pyle, Michele Ferencsik, Elly Miles, Judy Miller, Polly Freese, Betty Behrsing, Jim Gann, Britain Hill, Guy Tolman, Lisa Bourbeau, John Arnold, Sue Jonas, BJ Carbee, and others.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Arnold called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

**Appointments**

1. Town Hall Update – Michael Petrovick, Michael Bruss and the Heritage Commission

Mr. Bruss indicated that they are moving through the development of the design and they are looking at a mid-November date as the target date for a maximum contract price. Based on drawings submitted from the architect McMillan has priced the work at more than they had hoped. The cost of the contract must be in the bank upon signing of the contract. Negotiations are continuing. Michele Ferencsik read a letter regarding the frustrations of raising funds for the project when the final budget continues to fluctuate and the project start date is continually pushed back. Ms. Ferencsik does not feel that having total project funding prior to commencement was part of the Town's decision and that the project could possibly be phased while fundraising continues.

Discussion regarding the fundraising, the amount of the budget and a further explanation of how the process works ensued.

2. Gary Paige – Road Agent – Road and Bridge Update

Gary said they have been hauling gravel, doing some grading and cleaning out some culverts but due to the 4-5" of rain in the past week they have been doing a lot of road repairs and taking measures to reduce further road erosion. Gary went on to explain the work done on Red House Road and Blueberry Hill. He said the crusher is moving into the Bennington site and they will be starting on the sand and gravel for this winter and next summer soon.

Regarding bridge work, Mr. Paige stated Woodward Hill Bridge was opened to traffic this afternoon. There is still work remaining to be done by Ikon but Gary and the engineers did a standard completion and walk through last week and all agreed the work was on schedule. He added that the curbing is up, railings are up and everything has been graded and compacted. Juniper Hill Bridge is different as it is being precast. Standard completion has come and gone and they haven't been able to deliver. The contractor has an equipment malfunction with the overhead crane which is holding everything up. The site is ready to go as soon as the pieces arrive.

#### Tri-Town Landfill

Gary attended a landfill meeting with Antrim and Bennington and collectively they are thinking of hiring Dennis McKinney to put a value on the soil. Dennis McKinney presented a proposal which Gary has forwarded to the Board of Selectmen and has faxed a copy to both towns as well.

Mr. Carbee made a motion to go forward with New England Forestry Consultants recommendations contingent on the other two towns each contributing their 1/3 pro rata share, seconded by Mr. Howell. **Motion passes.**

#### Consent Agenda

1. 9/28/15 and 10/5/15 Payroll Manifests
2. 9/28/15 and 10/5/15 Payables Manifests
3. Building Permit Application – Ortwin & Patricia Kreuger – Map 14 Lot 17
4. Building Permit Application – Harold D. Pope Trust – Map 2 Lot 27-2
5. Land Use Change Tax - Map 9 Lot 23 - \$900.00

A motion was made by Ms. Arnold to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Carbee. **Motion passes.**

#### New Business

1. Appointment form for Ed Hunter as Deputy Health Officer

Mr. Carbee made a motion to appoint Ed Hunter as the Deputy Health Officer for another term, seconded by Mr. Howell. **Motion passes.**

2. Mutual Aid agreement between Weare and Frankestown for Weare to provide backup Building Inspector services while Mr. Hunter is on vacation.

Mr. Carbee made a motion to approve the Mutual Aid agreement between Weare and Frankestown, seconded by Mr. Howell. **Motion passes.**

3. Two proposals for windows for the Town Office. Mr. Pike explained that the two proposals are for the same materials although Cheshire Glass is less expensive because they hope for future work from the town.

A motion was made by Mr. Carbee and seconded by Mr. Howell to award the contract for replacing the storm windows at the Town Offices to Cheshire Glass. **Motion passes.**

### **Correspondence**

1. A zoning complaint letter regarding violations of the sign ordinance
2. Motion to Reconsider filed by the Plaintiffs in the Orsi et al v. Francestown et al matter and a copy of the Town's Objection to the same
3. Notice of Public Hearing from Henniker regarding a proposed wireless communication tower on October 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Henniker Town Hall
4. A copy of the Town's response to the Eversource 2014 Appeal to the Board of Tax and Land Appeals
5. Press Release dated 9/21/2015 to 9/27/2015
6. Report of the Police Chief dated 9/20/2015 to 9/25/2015 and 9/27/2015 to 10/2/2015
7. Letter from Chief Douglas to Deering Police Chief Pushee extending appreciation to assistance and professional interaction he had with Officer Bell
8. Letter from Elizabeth Behrsing, Lisa Bourbeau, James Gann and Guy Tolman expressing concerns about the Right-to-Know law, specifically the signing of the Consent Agenda and voting to go into non-public session
9. Letter from Upton & Hatfield advising that the Fairpoint case will be heard on October 23, 2015 in Superior Court
10. Letter from Charlie Pyle thanking the town for its support of FIHS and that they expect to net about \$11,000
11. Report of the Town Administrator

### **Liaison Report**

Mr. Carbee discussed the meeting he attended at Conval last week. Items discussed include the new budget building process, new transportation system and a report of enrollment; Francestown has 64 students and the high school has 783 students.

### **Administrative Update**

Mr. Pike stated that the painting of the Town Office is complete. He did a walk through with the contractor and everything was addressed that day and cleanup was satisfactory. He is waiting for some numbers from Mike Dufort from NRRA to complete his analysis. Grace Electric will perform an analysis on the motors at the Transfer Station and make recommendations at no change. Mr. Pike stated he is still waiting for budgets from some department heads that weren't aware they were due. The Union Leader is looking for Halloween trick-or-treat times. Mr. Pike will follow up with Donna Noonan on trick-or-treating times. Tom Burke on Wilson Hill Road called and complained about a trailer filled with trash, boats and cars parking too close to the road along Route 47. Mr. Pike said that he went up there to check and the vehicles are parked right on the edge and they are bottlenecking the road.

New containers for the Transfer Station would run \$3500-\$5000 depending of the material. NRRA containers run in the \$3500 range. Naughton Hauling would drop off and pick up the

same day so there would always be an empty container. NRRA has offered to review operations at the Transfer Station and come up with some ideas to improve traffic flow and infrastructure.

Guy Tolman brought up complaints about the conduct during town meetings. James Gann asked about getting a copy of a detailed SAU budget. Kay Anderson commented on the lawsuit and asked why it is continuing after the court reached its decision. Sue Jonas asked what the total cost of the lawsuit is to date. The cost through the end of August is \$22,300.

**NEXT BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING:** Monday, October 19, 2015

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Mr. Carbee and seconded by Mr. Howell to adjourn the meeting at 6:32pm. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Marti Callahan  
Jamie A Pike, Town Administrator

Not approved until signed.

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Abigail Arnold

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Scott Carbee

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Brad Howell