

TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2015

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

Staff Present: Town Administrator Jamie A Pike

Also present: Tom Anderson, James Gann, Sue Downs-Cripps, Polly Freese, Lisa Bourbeau, Robin Haubrich and others.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Arnold called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Consent Agenda

- A. 10/19/2015 Payroll and Payables Manifests
- B. Intern to Cut M5/L64 and M14/L13 - Weiderhold
- C. Building Permit for FIHS
- D. Intert to Cut M6/L26 - Jonas

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

New Business

- A. Report of Cut for Jeffrey Pettee. Scott will check on the cut and report back with grading.
- B. Landscaping/ground maintenance contract from Bryant Landscapes with pricing the same as last year

A motion was made by Mr. Carbee to enter into Bryant Landscaping contract for 2016 and seconded by Mr. Howell. **Motion passes.**

- C. Contract for Police Chief Douglas, previously approved in a non-public session
- D. Abigail asked Mr. Pike to set up a meeting with town counsel this week to discuss various topics and set tax rate
- E. A letter was drafted by Mr. Howell on behalf of the Heritage Commission and the Board of Selectmen to be mailed to Francestown residents updating them on the Town Hall project

A motion was made by Mr. Carbee to approve the letter and have it sent out using the Town's bulk mailing permit, seconded by Mr. Howell. **Motion passes.**

Old Business

Ms. Arnold referred to a discussion last week about what to do with the balance of Warrant Article 8, dealing with major building projects, specifically the exhaust system at the Fire Station and the Town Office. Ms. Arnold felt that there was nothing critical that needed to be done for either building and her suggestion was to have the money available to apply to next year's warrant article. Some board members made suggestions of things that need to be done, i.e. electrical to the Christmas Tree and fence around the Town Hall. The discussion was tabled until next week when they could look at Warrant Article in depth.

Correspondence

1. Report of the Town Administrator
2. Letter from Fred Douglas, as Lyndeborough Chairman of the Board, to Fire Chief Larry Kullgren thanking him for the mutual aid provided to the Town on September 7th through the 10th.
3. Letter from DOT regarding Interim Inspection of municipally owned bridges – no action required
4. Plaintiffs Response to Objection to Motion to Reconsider and Plaintiff's Correction to Objection to Motion to Reconsider in the Orsi et al v. Francestown et al litigation, accompanied by a cover letter from town counsel characterizing their response as disingenuous.

Administrative Update

Mr. Pike said that there is a request from the Heritage Commission and Library to use a sandwich board on the Town Common for their Halloween Party Fund Raiser. The Board gave its approval for use of the sandwich board.

Mr. Pike received an email from Donna Noonan saying that she sent out a Facebook blast about the Trunk or Treat event and has had a good response. She is reaching out to the Fire Chief and Police Chief about the road closure and detour of traffic. The paperwork for the State road closure was mailed this morning.

Mr. Pike met with Jeff Harrison to review the geothermal system at the library. Mr. Pike will follow-up and provide Mr. Harrison with repair history of system over the past few years. Mr. Harrison suggested a few low cost money saving changes to the system to improve efficiency. He will perform one more review before presenting a final report.

The Town received an email from DRA indicating the Town should receive the preliminary tax rate tomorrow. The Board of Selectmen should meet this week to set the tax rate.

NRRA is proposing an amendment to their contract for servicing the Transfer Station. They are receiving an increase in their cost to haul plastic, paper and tin recyclables. They want to pass on that cost as an amendment to the third year of the contract in the amount of \$425 per haul. As a counter measure they are willing to take the price through 2017 for a one-year extension. The other alternative for the Town is to go and re-bid from scratch or force NRRA to honor the terms

of the existing contract. The worst case scenario would be that NRRA could default and leave the Town in a difficult situation.

The Board discussed the different alternatives available to the Town and decided to wait and see if Naughton raises the price again and what will happen to the Town's price then. Mr. Howell suggested asking NRRA to extend the contract out further than 2017. Mr. Pike will check on the Boards questions and will revisit the subject next week.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Howell to approve the public minutes of October 5th and September 21st, as written and the non-public minutes of October 5th, October 12th and September 21, as written. **Motion passes.**

NEXT BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING: Monday, October 26, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairperson Arnold adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie A Pike

Not approved until signed.

Abigail Arnold

Scott Carbee

Brad Howell