

TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2015

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

Staff Present: Town Administrator Jamie A Pike and Building Inspector Ed Hunter

Also present: Tom Anderson, James Gann, Guy Tolman, BJ Carbee, Polly Freese, Robin Haubrich, Judy Miller and others.

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

Building Inspector Ed Hunter - Resignation

Ed Hunter tendered his resignation by memorandum to the Board of Selectmen dated October 26, 2015. Mr. Hunter indicated it was time for him to reduce his workload. His resignation becomes effective 12/31/2015. The Board thanked Mr. Hunter for his service and wished him well.

Abigail asked Mr. Hunter if the mutual aid agreement with Weare was done in anticipation of his departure. He stated that it was not, it was in anticipation of his vacation. Ms. Arnold asked if the agreement with Weare would cover Francestown if the position remained vacant after the first of the year. He said that a mutual aid agreement is not designed for that purpose and would not apply but suggested a sub-contractor if temporary coverage is needed.

Consent Agenda

- A. 10/26/2015 Payroll and Account Payables Manifests
- B. Building Permit for O'Donnell - Map 8 Lot 65

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

Tax Warrant

The tax rate was set last week and Ms. Arnold asked if the Board was comfortable signing off on the Warrant for \$2,387,770.00. The Board agreed and signed the Warrant.

Correspondence

- 1. Press Release from Police Department for 10/19 - 10/25
- 2. Weekly Report from Chief Douglas
- 3. Solar update report from Ruth Behrsing for the Solar Up Committee

4. Letter from Comcast wanting to get started on negotiating a new contract. The Board agreed a meeting will need to be scheduled.
5. An email from Christie Leplante from Bennington requesting a Tri-Town Landfill meeting. Mr. Pike will contact Christie to determine the purpose of the meeting.
- 6.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Carbee and seconded by Mr. Howell to approve the minutes of October 12th as amended. **Motion passes.**

Items to Sign

1. Timber Tax Levy for Pettee, Map 6 Lot 63-1. Mr. Carbee walked the property and reported that it was a low grade cut with a lot of birch and pine.

Administrative Update

Mr. Pike indicated that last week he completed 99% of the work on the budget and closed out the grant for the clock and the January snowstorm grant. The Town was awarded \$12,500.

Mr. Pike asked for approval to organize a group of 10-15 volunteers to move the furnishings out of the Town Hall and into the horse sheds on a Saturday in early November. The Board set the date for Saturday, November 14th. Mr. Pike also requested \$300 for the purchase of plywood to close off one bay on the horse shed to store the materials. The Board agreed to the expenditure.

Mr. Pike asked if a decision has been made on the employee appreciation dinner this year. He indicated that Marti will take full responsibility for planning and organization. The decision was put off until next week and is dependent upon the annual budget.

A resident asked about the NRRA contract and containers for the Transfer Station. Ms. Arnold explained that contract negotiations are ongoing, so it is still up in the air and they are not ready to discuss yet. She indicated that she hopes to be ready to discuss it at the next meeting.

Robin Haubrich asked if the Town has received an updated legal bill regarding the Orsi matter. Ms. Arnold indicated that the last bill for September was around \$400- \$500 and the Town has not yet received the October bill.

NEXT BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING: Monday, November 2, 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