

TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
OFFICE OF SELECTMEN
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

March 2, 2015

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

Staff Present: Town Administrator Michael Branley, Road Agent Gary Paige, Police Chief Stephen Bell

Also present: Michael Petrovick, Warren Kiblin, Polly Freese, Sarah & Charlie Pyle, John Arnold, Ben & Robin Haubrich, Tom Anderson, Jan Hicks, Heritage Commission Members Lisa Stewart, Elly Miles, and BJ Carbee

CALL TO ORDER: Abigail called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION: Abigail made a motion to enter nonpublic session, seconded by Scott pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a).

Roll Call vote to enter nonpublic session:	Betsy Hardwick	Aye
	Scott Carbee	Aye
	Abigail Arnold	Aye

The meeting room was cleared and the Board entered nonpublic session at 6:01 p.m.

At 6:35 p.m. the Board returned to public session having decided to seal the minutes having voted by a vote of 2/3's or greater of the members present to not disclose the minutes and decisions reached therein to the public, as divulgence of the information discussed likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of the public body itself, until – in the opinion of a majority of the members – the aforesaid circumstances no longer apply.

Appointments

1. Road Agent Gary Paige – Abigail stated the first item to discuss the Highway Department's budget performance thus far. There was a discussion about the budget to date. Abigail proposed increasing Highway by \$9,000 and decreasing Library \$1,000, Town Clerk \$1,000, Tax Collector \$1,000, and General Government Buildings \$2,000 and the Board agreed to support amending the budget in this way at Town Meeting. Abigail stated the Golf Course is requesting permission to fill in the drainage swale along 2nd NH Turnpike S. Gary stated this was done in response to drainage issues on the left hand side of the road causing erosion. The water from the parking lot and roof lines are concentrated on that side of the road. The eroded area would fill up and the water would

freeze, causing water to flow across the road, which would then freeze and cause hazardous road conditions. Mike will draft a letter to the Golf Course stating that, although it is unlikely that the Town will make any changes, Gary and Mike are willing meet with them.

2. Chief Bell – Chief stated last week he attended a few training sessions and didn't have much else going on. Abigail asked that he bring in the certificates for the classes he attended to keep his file up to date and he agreed.
3. Architect Michael Petrovick and Heritage Commission – Abigail stated Michael P. and Michael B. are working on the Owner's Rep RFP and will be getting that out shortly. Michael P. stated that he and Elly had dialogue with James Garvin, LCHIP and Jenna Lapachinski. They obtained a determination that the stage needs to stay where it is and the suspension rods on the second floor also have to stay. Mike P. showed a site plan showing the layout of restrooms, hallways, etc. Accessibility to the stage is not possible as it would have to be handicap accessible also and it is too high. In response to a question about combining restrooms, Mike P. explained the requirements for providing for the maximum number of people in the building at one time. The Board felt more discussion was needed before confirming a design plan. Another design meeting is scheduled with Mike P. on 3/30/2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Items to Sign

1. Payroll Manifest for 3/2/15
2. Payables Manifest for 3/2/15

Betsy asked that the snowmobile trail approval be finalized and sign the approval at the next meeting. Mike said that he would follow up on that.

NEXT BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING: March 9, 2015

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

Respectfully Submitted by Marti Callahan

Approved on March 9, 2015

Board of Selectmen Chair, Abigail Arnold

Selectmen Scott S. Carbee

Selectperson Betsy Hardwick