

**TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN**  
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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**

**July 2, 2015**

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

Staff Present: Town Administrator Michael Branley

Also present: James Gann, Susan Cripps, Polly Freese, BJ Carbee, Lisa Bourbeau, and Guy Tolman

**CALL TO ORDER:** Abigail called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Abigail said that the reason for this meeting is because the Board has received a letter of resignation from Michael Branley, Town Administrator effective July 31, 2015. Reluctantly she made a motion to accept his resignation. Brad congratulated Mike and seconded Abigail's motion. All in favor.

The Board has received notice that the Towns prevailed in the PSNH case before the BTLA. It is likely the case will be appealed before the Supreme Court. A copy of the ruling is available for anyone who would like to review.

The Board reviewed a printout of the results of the police survey showing how the residents responded to questions as well as their individual comments. Scott recommended removing some identifying language from the comments so that the comments remain anonymous. The Board agreed.

Abigail said Mike has given thought to how he sees the next month and has offered some suggestions for moving forward. Mike said he has spoken to some potential interim help and recommended going into nonpublic to discuss further. The Board directed Mike to post the Town Administrator job, to do an initial screening of applicants and to provide some interim options.

**MOTION** Abigail moved to enter nonpublic session, seconded by Scott pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (b).

Roll Call vote to enter nonpublic session:	Abigail Arnold	Aye
	Scott Carbee	Aye
	Brad Howell	Aye

So Moved.

The meeting room was cleared and the Board entered nonpublic session at 4:26 p.m.

At 4:45 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.

**MOTION** to enter nonpublic session by Abigail Arnold, seconded by Scott Carbee, pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (b).

Roll Call vote to enter nonpublic session:	Abigail Arnold	Aye
	Scott Carbee	Aye
	Brad Howell	Aye

So Moved.

The meeting room was cleared and the Board entered nonpublic session at 4:45 p.m.

Mike said he spoke to Jaqui Filmore about doing bookkeeping on an interim basis. She currently does the bookkeeping for New Boston. The Board agreed to have Mike interview her and if she seems suitable, to hire her on a part-time interim basis.

At 4:57 the Board returned from public session having not voted to seal the minutes.

Public session reconvened at 4:58 p.m.

James Gann stated that he didn't think it was necessary for the resident who serves on the Police Chief search panel to have legal experience.

**NEXT BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING:** Monday July 13, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Abigail adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Michael Branley