

I. CALL TO ORDER at 6:00 pm in the basement meeting room at the Fremont Town Hall. Present were Selectmen Gene Cordes, Brett Hunter, and Leon Holmes Sr; and Resident Bob Carr. Heidi Carlson arrived at 6:05 pm.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The tax lien for 2013 is due to be executed on Friday May 2, 2014.

Bulky Day will be held on Saturday May 10, 2014.

The Cemetery Trustees have advised that there are no further lots to sell in the Village Cemetery at this time. Moving forward, lots will only be sold in the Leavitt Cemetery. Trustees are meeting monthly for the next several months to catch up on some project work.

III. LIAISON REPORTS - None

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Cordes to approve the minutes of 17 April 2014 as printed. Holmes Sr seconded and the vote was approved 2-0-1 with Hunter abstaining.

Motion was made by Cordes and seconded by Hunter to approve the minutes of 24 April 2014 as printed. The vote was approved 3-0.

V. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS

At 6:15 pm Bob Carr met with the Selectmen. Motion was made by Cordes to enter non-public session pursuant to NH RSA 91-A:3 II (c) to discuss a hardship situation. The roll call vote was unanimously approved 3-0; Hunter – aye; Cordes – aye; Holmes Sr – aye.

At 6:28 pm motion was made by Cordes and seconded by Hunter to return to public session. The roll call vote was unanimously approved 3-0; Hunter – aye; Holmes Sr – aye; Cordes – aye.

Motion was made by Cordes and seconded by Holmes Sr to authorize an interest abatement to 1/3 of the accrued interest on the 2011 tax lien for parcel 05-057.001.001 if the balance is paid in full by 05/15/2014. The vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

Carr left the Board's meeting at 6:30 pm.

6:45 pm Public Input

Tom O'Brien came in to the meeting at 6:45 pm. He introduced himself to the Board and said he had recently moved to 259 Main Street. He has been to recent Planning Board meetings and been recommended by the Board as an appointee candidate for an open Alternate Board Member position. He provided the Board some background information and said he was interested in becoming involved in the community.

Hunter confirmed the Planning Board's action and said that they were welcoming him to the Board. Motion was made by Cordes to appoint Thomas A O'Brien to a three year Alternate Member position on the Fremont Planning Board. Hunter seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

Hunter asked for Carlson to swear O'Brien in now so that he could participate in the Board's meeting next Wednesday, so this was done as well. O'Brien left the meeting at 6:55 pm.

At that time, Sergeant Larochelle came in to the Board's meeting to discuss the items which have been returned as a memorial on the Sandown Road Bridge. This week the Highway Department was doing spring cleanup work and had removed the materials that were old and worn. They had been contacted by someone who was upset about the items being removed.

Selectmen discussed this and Larochelle stated that if the Town has not given permission, that it is littering for the items to be there. There was discussion about how to handle this with an understanding that they are a memorial to a loved one.

7:00 pm Department Heads

Town Clerk Tax Collector Nicole Cloutier met with the Board and introduced Deputy Candidate Cheryl L Bolduc who Cloutier is recommending for the Deputy position.

There was discussion about Bolduc's interest in the position, and she has met with Cloutier and Carlson, and began shadowing Cloutier in the office this week to learn more about the position.

Cordes moved to accept the Town Clerk Tax Collector's recommendation to appoint Cheryl L Bolduc as the Deputy Town Clerk Tax Collector for a three year period to expire March 2017 subject to a satisfactory reference check and background check. This position will be paid a stipend of \$1,800 annually. The pay schedule has been reviewed with Bolduc. Hunter seconded and the vote was approved 3-0.

There was discussion about the position and that the Clerk Collector makes an appointment with the approval of the Board of Selectmen. Cloutier made out a form and brought it down to the Board's meeting, and it was initialed by members as "concurring by Board of Selectmen 05/01/2014".

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Policy Review: The Board asked for the Media Relations Policy and Town Vehicle Policy to be scanned and emailed out for additional review prior to the work session. Selectmen are in the process of reviewing the Personnel Policy as well.

2. In follow-up to questions posed a few weeks ago, Carlson reviewed some information from Dan Tatem of Stantec Engineering regarding the Martin Road Bridge and what is allowed there for the upgrades. There is a complicated formula dealing with the acreage that feeds into this waterway and runs through the area, and how the flows and volume requirements are calculated by DES Rules. With several additional questions, it was felt that if Tatem could meet with the Board, it would be the best way to follow-up on the information. Additional questions were generated

3. Selectmen reviewed an email from Ida Keane inviting the Selectmen to an upcoming School Board meeting to discuss Town and School issues. Selectmen choose June 10, 2014 to attend a School Board Meeting. This will be posted as a Selectmen's Meeting as well.

4. Police Cruiser Lease – Chief Twiss picked up the new cars today and they have been delivered to Adamson Industries for the balance of work (paint, lettering, radios, lights, etc). It will be several weeks before they are fully in service.

Selectmen reviewed the lease documents from Ford Motor Credit. Last week's vote to have Carlson sign the application form resulted in her name being on all of the lease documents as well, as the authorized signer. The Board signed the lease documents as the official signer for the Town. A question will be posed to Ford regarding the clause about "alterations" as there will be modifications for the vehicles for their end use as police cars.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Selectmen reviewed and approved the accounts payable manifest \$566,166.27 for the current week dated 02 May 2014.
2. Selectmen reviewed bills and invoices for payment.
3. Selectmen reviewed the folder of incoming correspondence; and reviewed and sign outgoing correspondence including a recommendation letter for Denny Wood.
4. Selectmen approved and signed a Land Use Change Tax and Warrant for parcel 03-015.001.093 in the amount of \$2,142.85.
5. Selectmen reviewed deeds from Saturday's auction sales of parcels 07-101 and 07-106 to Wendy German; and parcel 02-009.001 to Fraser Investment Properties LLC.

The deeds convey whatever right and title the Town had to these parcels, with no covenants, and that they shall never be built upon, and only used to supplement land of the abutting owner. Cordes moved to approve the sale and sign a deed to Wendy German for parcels 07-101 and 07-106 based on the auction held Saturday April 26, 2014. Hunter seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0. Cordes then moved to approve the sale and sign a deed to Fraser Investment Properties LLC for parcel 02-009.001. Hunter seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

6. Selectmen reviewed and signed an Intent to Cut for parcel 05-006.003 owned by Matthew Jensen.

Selectmen further discussed the earlier appointment by Nicole Cloutier of Cheryl Bolduc as the Deputy Town Clerk Tax Collector. Bolduc also needs to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen as the clerical worker in the Town Clerk Tax Collector's Office for the \$12.00 hourly wage.

Cordes moved to appoint Cheryl Bolduc as a town employee as a clerk in the Town Clerk Tax Collector's Office subject to a satisfactory reference check and background check for a probationary period of six months in accord with the Town's Personnel Policy. This position will be paid at \$12.00 per hour for 12 hours per week. Hunter seconded and the vote was approved 3-0.

Cordes moved to authorize a voucher in the amount of \$25.00 for the NH Criminal Records check on Bolduc. Hunter seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

Selectmen discussed having a list of evaluations and who is responsible for doing each of them, as well as a schedule of what has been completed.

Some additional performance matters were discussed.

VIII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION NH RSA 91-A

The next regular Board meeting will be a work session, held on Thursday May 8, 2014 at 6:00 pm.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – by 9:00 pm

With no further business to come before the Board, motion was made by Cordes to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. Holmes Sr seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Carlson
Town Administrator