

Town of Franchestown

Select Board

Minutes of Meeting

Monday, March 11, 2024

Select Board Members present: Chair Scot D Heath, George Ravalico, and Charles M. Pyle, III

Others present: Town Admin. Jamie Pike; Admin. Asst. Monica Harrington; Paul Lawrence, Laura Mafera, Kelly Marshall, David Gleason, Patrick Troy, Steve Chamberlain

Chairman Heath called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Town Meeting Prep

Paul Lawrence, Moderator spoke to the BOS about the Town Election tomorrow and Town Meeting this Saturday, March 16. Articles 12 and 18 will have movements to amend at Town Meeting. There was debate regarding potentially tabling Article 19.

Public Hearing

Transfer Station Fee Amendments

The changes are proposed to be effective April 1, 2024.

- Auto Tires up to 19" – From \$3.00 to \$6.00
- Truck Tires over 19" – From 16.00 to \$22.00
- Fluorescent Light Tubes – Formerly \$0.06/foot to 4' Tubes - \$1.00 & 8' Tubes - \$2.00
- Fluorescent Round or U-Tubes – From \$0.50 to \$1.00
- Propane Tanks 5# or greater - \$5.00
- Fire Extinguishers (Type ABC/BC Only) - \$5.00

A motion was made by Mr. Pyle adopt the amended fees for the Transfer Station and was seconded by Mr. Ravalico.

Motion passes.

Consent Agenda

1. Check Manifest dated 03.12.2024
2. Donation Acceptance – Heritage Commission – T-Shirt Sales - \$20.00
3. Donation Acceptance – Thulander Museum Trust - \$40.00
4. Donation Acceptance – Recreation Trust – Coffeehouse- \$215.00
5. Capital Reserve Fund Withdrawal - \$245,508 – Highway Equipment – 2023 WA# 5

A motion was made by Mr. Ravalico to approve the Consent Agenda and was seconded by Mr. Pyle. **Motion passes.**

New Business

A motion was made by Mr. Ravalico to approve the amended minutes from February 26 and March 4 and was seconded by Mr. Pyle. **Motion passes.**

A motion was made by Mr. Heath to approve the Driveway Permit for Map 6 Lot 7-3-1 and was seconded by Mr. Pyle.

Motion passes.

Old Business

The BOS signed the Electric Aggregation Plan and the Amended Sign Policy.

Project Updates

AARP Challenge Grant Update – Mr. Pike submitted the grant application last Wednesday. The final budget was \$150,000. Grant awards will happen in Mid-May.

A grant from T-Mobile will be submitted by the end of March by Mr. Heath.

Reid Road Culvert Replacement – Construction will begin next Monday. The intersection between Greenfield Road and Reid Road will be closed for 4-6 weeks. Residents of Reid Road and S. Francestown Road (Greenfield) were notified by mail.

The Town received a letter from FEMA with an update of Flood Hazard Areas in Francestown. The Conservation Commission is reviewing it for any appeals.

A time line was created for the Transfer Station mercury incident should it be needed for discussion Saturday at Town Meeting.

Chair Heath recognized and thanked George Ravalico for his 3 years of service on the board. Today is his last BOS meeting. He thanked the Board and was grateful for the support of Francestown.

Being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Ravalico and seconded by Mr. Pyle to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 pm. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Harrington

Approved 04.08.2024