Town of Francestown

Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, September 23, 2019

Members Present: Brad Howell, Henry Kunhardt and Abigail Arnold

Others Present: Town Administrator Jamie A Pike, Admin Asst. Kim Dalley, Warren Kiblin, Arron Williams, Marsha Dixon and David Luther

Mr. Howell called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM.

A motion was made by Mr. Howell and seconded by Mr. Kunhardt to enter into a nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(a) at 5:33 pm. Howell, Aye; Kunhardt, Aye; Arnold, Aye Motion passes.

Others Present: Town Administrator Jamie Pike, AA Kim Dalley and Warren Kiblin

Discussed manner of performing work assignments.

A motion was made by Mr. Howell and seconded by Ms. Arnold to exit the non-public session at 5:40 pm. **Motion passes unanimously.**

A motion was made by Mr. Howell and seconded by Mr. Kunhardt to enter into a nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(c) at 5:41 pm. Howell, Aye; Kunhardt, Aye; Arnold, Aye Motion passes.

Others Present: Town Administrator Jamie Pike and AA Kim Dalley

Discussed tax deed re-purchasing agreement.

A motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Brad Howell to exit the non-public session at 5:55 pm. **Motion passes unanimously.**

David Luther and Marsha Dixon, representing the Old Meeting House, met with the Board to discuss the Draft Memorandum of Understanding between the Town and OMH. The parties agreed to change the title from "Memorandum" to "Agreement". The Boards agreed that the stairs leading to the clock and bell were the responsibility of OMH. Number 3 shall include the wording, "in good and complete repair and working order" in reference to the OMH's responsibility for the maintenance of the interior and exterior of the structure including any access ways to the clock tower and bell. Number 4 was changed from the "Town recognizes" to the "parties recognize" in reference to the erection of any new structures adjacent to the meetinghouse detracting from the setting and feeling of the Town Common

and number 7 is to include the provision that the OMH can post their signs without permission from the BOS. The document will be reviewed by Town Counsel before execution.

Consent Agenda

- a. Check Manifest dated 09/24/2019
- b. Building Permit: Scott Place, 52 Oak Hill Road
- c. Recreation Trust Fund Donation Acceptance \$24.76
- d. Fire & Rescue Trust Fund Acceptance \$100.00

A motion was made by Mr. Kunhardt and seconded by Mr. Howell to approve the consent agenda. **Motion passes.**

The Board approved the MS1, Taxable Inventory, which has increased approximately 14%. The draft of the MS4, Revised Revenues, was approved, keeping the revenues the same as they had been in March.

Mr. Kunhardt, who attended the Tri-town meeting in Bennington wanted the Board to give some thought to putting monies aside towards payment of materials received in excess of agreed share.

Alfred Eisenberg, an alternate for the Southern NH Planning Commission, attended the ConVal Broadband Access Community Meeting on 9/18/19 and is very interested in aiding the Town in providing broadband town wide. He outlined the importance of broadband to real estate values and children's education. Mr. Pike will contact Laura Abrahamsen and Tom Burke about the possibility of joining a broadband committee.

The Francestown PD requested approval in the purchase of two Remington 870 shotguns for \$1,050. The Board stated that this would be a discretionary budget expenditure that does not require Board approval.

The Board approved the Monaco building permit on Todd Road, Map 14, Lot 27.

Mr. Kunhardt provided pictures of the horse sheds and the roof of Town Hall. The roof work is in the CIP for 2020 and the Board agreed that would be a good time to fix it. Mr. Kunhardt felt that overall; the horse sheds were in fairly good repair with some of the supports needing replacement. He will determine a ballpark figure for repairs and painting and then the Board will decide if it should come out of the operating budget or necessitate a warrant article.

The Board received an anonymous complaint about Wilson Hill Road maintenance. It referenced inadequate signage at the 90-degree corner due to brush and trees, the culvert under the Town's fire pond access road, the installation of a culvert not sufficiently deep and improper ditches. Mr. Pike will ask the Road Agent to assess the areas of concern and report back to the Selectmen.

The Board discussed the sidewalk issues that were flagged by Mr. Kiblin. Mr. Kunhardt wondered whether the Town should eliminate the portion of sidewalk that leads down to the road, since there is no crosswalk. There is a possibility to add crosswalks at the controlled intersections.

A motion was made by Mr. Kunhardt and seconded by Mr. Howell to enter into a nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(c) at 7:09 pm. Howell, Aye; Kunhardt, Aye; Arnold, Aye Motion passes.

Others Present: Town Administrator Jamie Pike and AA Kim Dalley

The Board worked on the Repurchase Agreement for a tax deeded property.

A motion was made by Mr. Kunhardt and seconded by Mr. Howell to exit the non-public session at 7:17 pm. **Motion passes unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved 11/04/2019

Kim Dalley