

Town of Francestown
Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, September 30, 2019

Members Present: Abigail Arnold and Henry Kunhardt

Budget Committee: Chairman Charlie Pyle, Judi Miller, Stewart Brock, Tom Anderson and John Thalhauser.

Others Present: Town Admin. Jamie A Pike, Road Agent Gary Paige and Mike Tartalis.

Ms. Arnold called the meeting to order at 5:33pm.

Gary Paige, Road Agent

Mr. Paige was present to provide the Board an update on the Bible Hill Road reconstruction project. There was an earlier concern that there may be a need for an Alteration of Terrain Permit from DES. Through discussions with Ridgley Mauck, AOT program supervisor, it has been determined that all the proposed work falls under an exemption for asphalt maintenance and an AOT permit will not be required.

Mr. Paige explained to the Board that he has ordered two new sharp turn signs for Wilson Hill Road, and will cut the brush back at the corner to uncover the two chevrons. He cannot understand the complaint about the lack of proper ditching. He was unable to find any spots with excessive erosion. The Board asked Mr. Paige to take a look at the condition of the road to the Fire Lane after the fall hauling is completed.

The Board reviewed with Mr. Paige the results of the recent Primex Fire Safety Audit. There were only two recommendations. 1) install battery disconnect switches on all vehicles not so equipped and 2) install a monitored sprinkler system. Mr. Paige will check costs and compatibility of vehicles for disconnect switches. The Board determined it was not fiscally feasible to install a sprinkler system.

Mr. Paige provided the Board with an update of the summer work that has been completed and reported that the Bicknell Bridge is slated for construction in late October.

Mr. Paige further reported that he is having issues with the fuel system. The department is attempting some in-house repairs before investigating a new system.

Budget Committee

Mr. Pike previously provided the Budget Committee with a budget report through August which outline overages and anticipated year-end surpluses. Mr. Pike also provided an overview of known increases and decreases for the 2020 budget.

Consent Agenda

1. Check Manifest dated 10/01/2019
2. Timber Tax Warrant – Bev Abbott - \$88.12

3. Intent to Cut – Karl Schickle, Map 2 Lot 25

A motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Kunhardt to approve the consent agenda as presented. **Motion passes.**

Other Business:

Mr. Pike informed the Board that Crotched Mtn Golf Club paid their 2016 tax lien in full and satisfied their agreement.

Based on the review by Town counsel, the Board made one amendment to the MOU between the Town and OMH.

Paragraph 6 – add “subject to availability” at the end of the last sentence

Mr. Pike informed the Board that Town counsel has followed up with the DOJ regarding the release of the conservation easement for the South New Boston Road Bridge. The matter has been assigned by the Director to a different attorney. The Board will ask the Conservation Commission to submit a letter of support for the release and the project.

Mike Tartalis of Pleasant Pond Road was before the board to inform them of continued late night shooting at or near Shattuck Pond. The incidents are occurring between 8 and 11 at night. Mr. Tartalis has met with the police on occasions and has received no satisfaction regarding his complaint. The Board informed Mr. Tartalis that there is no Town Ordinance that can be enforced at the local level.

Mr. Tartalis also requested that the minutes of the August 5th meeting be amended to reflect that he stated that the shooting is occurring on Town-owned conservation land. The Board has made no determination of the location of the shooting.

A motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Kunhardt to enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3,II(c). Arnold, Aye; Kunhardt, Aye **Motion passes.**

The Board reviewed and finalized the terms and conditions on a repurchase agreement for tax deeded property.

A motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Kunhardt to exit the non-public session at 7:25pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved 11/04/2019

Jamie A Pike