

Town of Francestown

Board of Selectmen

Minutes of Meeting

Monday, October 8, 2018

Members Present: Chairman Brad Howell, Abigail Arnold, and Henry Kunhardt

Others Present: TA Jamie A Pike, AA Kim Dalley, Earl Sandford, Linda Kunhardt, John Perry, Polly Freese and others.

Chairman Howell called the meeting to order at 5:35pm

Mountain Maintenance Corporation

Earl Sandford of Sandford Surveying and Engineering was present on behalf of Mtn Maint. Corp to present a plan for a land swap with the Town and others for the purpose of straightening the ROW of East Road to represent the actual travelled way.

Mr. Kunhardt explained that he was an occasional employee of Mr. Sandford and recused himself from any decisions regarding the project.

The plan proposes that the Town transfer 0.793 acres of Map 7 Lot 3-1 to Henry Hardwick and Mountain Maintenance Corp. and accept 0.423 acres from Map 8 Lot 16-2 and the paper ROW along with an easement of 1.2 acres across Map 7 Lot 5, in exchange.

After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Howell to accept the land swap request for the parcels as shown on the plan titled, "Boundary Adjustment Plan, Map 8 Lots 16-2 & 119, Map 7 Lots 3, 3-1, 4 & 5, Carl Henry Hardwick III, Mountain Maintenance Corp., Town of Francestown & Condominiums at the Mountain I Condominium, Eastside at Crotched Mountain Condo", dated 08/04/2018 and as may be updated with an easement across Map 7 Lot 5, subject to the hearing process as outlined in RSA 41:14-a. **Motion passes, Howell and Arnold in favor, Kunhardt recused.** The hearing dates were scheduled for October 22nd and November 5th.

Alana Samuelson – Recreation Director

Ms. Samuelson provided an overview of the performance of the summer programs which included a tennis camp, soccer camp, and swim lessons. It is currently the plan to have the same camps again for 2019 with earlier marketing campaigns to the schools, in an effort to garner a greater participation level. This year's swim lessons were very well attended and it is currently planned to have two certified instructors for 2019.

Ms. Samuelson also discussed the proposal to continue the Community Market through December 21st. The market would be held in the Town Hall, and vendors would be charged \$5/wk to attend. This would

be used to offset energy costs for the Town Hall. There are 10-12 vendors expected each week. The Board was agreeable to the continuation of the Market as long as no other events were previously scheduled for use of the Hall. The Commission is to designate at least one person to assure the Town Hall is cleaned after each market and all trash is removed. There was conflict between the market and the Halloween dance for the 12th and 19th of October. The Board granted the hall to the Market for the 12th and Alana will reach out to the dance committee regarding the 19th.

Consent Agenda

- a. Check Manifest dated 10/09/2018
- b. Cable Franchise Agreement
- c. Fire & Rescue Trust Fund Donation Acceptance (corrected)
- d. Building Permit: George & Lori Gordon, Map 10 Lot 9, barn renovations
- e. Grant Acceptance: Volunteer Fire Assistance, \$1,000

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

Other Business

The Board agreed to enter into a contract for utility assessment consulting services with George Sansoucy, PE, LLC for the Eversource tax appeals for the 2014, 2015, and 2016 tax years.

The Board approved a Town Common sign request for the Community Church for its "An Evening in Autumn" event.

The Board reviewed an engineering proposal from Fuss & O'Neill for the engineering and load calculations for Russell Station Road Bridge 114/062 (Bicknell Bridge). This proposal is in the amount of \$12,794, and the work is expected to be completed by Nov. 1st so reconstruction may commence. Gary Paige was authorized to execute the agreement with Fuss & O'Neill for proposed services.

The Board discussed the potential of issuing an RFP for the removal of snow from Main Street vs. the current method of blowing the snow onto neighboring properties. Ms. Arnold suggested that the Board sponsor a warrant article for these services. The Board also discussed the need for a local snow dump for this project and other snow that is removed from the Common.

Mr. Kunhardt explained that he had inspected the septic tanks at each facility and determined those tanks at the Town Hall and Police Department should be pumped this year. The pumping is tentatively scheduled for November 6th. Following this pumping, Mr. Kunhardt will perform a thorough inspection of the tank at the Police Department as it appears that the top of the tank may be compromised and in need of repair or replacement. Mr. Kunhardt will also perform filter cleaning for the tanks at the other locations.

Ms. Arnold brought forward a list of potential projects for the upcoming 2019-24 CIP.

1. Police Department parking lot grading and drainage

2. Town Hall/Horse sheds parking lot grading and drainage
3. Demolition of the mountain ski rental shop
4. Replacement of the Geo-thermal unit
5. Town Hall roof replacement
6. On-going painting of the Town Hall
7. Poor Farm road drainage/runoff to Pleasant Pond

The Board reviewed a draft consolidation plan for the 9 lots that currently make up the Crotched Mountain Town Forest as prepared by Betsy Hardwick. The Board requested that existing surveys of the parcels be included in the plan.

The Board reviewed an email from Elly Miles and Deb Adams regarding the Town Hall benches. Ms. Adams has submitted an alternate proposal for the refinishing of the painted benches. The proposal would have Kenny Hardwick perform the hand stripping and sanding of the benches before being sent for finishing. The proposal was submitted as a cost savings vs a previous quote for the work. The Board affirmed that funding for the project was not the concern. Ms. Arnold and Mr. Kunhardt agreed that the benches should not be refinished, and only be glued and repaired as recommended by a local furniture refinisher. (Howell opposed.)

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie A Pike

Approved 11/19/2018

Brad Howell

Abigail Arnold

Henry Kunhardt