Town of Francestown

Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting Monday, October 14, 2019

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

Others Present: Town Admin Jamie A Pike, Kay and Tom Anderson, John Kendall, Scott Heath, Betsy Hardwick, Robin Haubrich, Polly Freese and Ethel B Macstubbs.

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

Health Officer Kay Anderson was before the Board to express her dismay over the lack of work being done by Mountain Maintenance to correct the septic issues at the condos on East Road. There has been little communication from Mountain Maintenance about any progress being made. Mountain Maintenance and Henry Hardwick are at an impasse on the purchase of property for the construction of new leach beds. There has been no communication from DES regarding enforcement of an order requiring the septic tanks to be pumped regularly that was issued over a year ago. Mr. Kendall joined the meeting and explained that he was in contact with Mr. Hardwick on a regular basis to receive updates on the state of the existing system. It appears that there have been no signs of failure this past year, partially due to an extremely dry summer. Ms. Anderson asked permission to approach DES more aggressively to determine what actions are being done. The Board agreed.

Conservation Commission

Members of the Conservation Commission were present to review an offer by the Town to purchase all of the interest in a Conservation Easement located on South New Boston Road for the purpose of reconstructing the South New Boston Road Bridge. The specific portions of the Conservation Easement to be taken are on the property of Sherwood and Catherine Fogg, identified in the Town of Francestown tax records as Map 3 Lot 73-4, a slope and drainage easement of 406 sf, located on the north side of South New Boston Road; and on the property of Alan Bankus, identified in the Town of Francestown tax records as Map 3 Lot 75-2, a slope and drainage easement of 1936 sf, located on the south side of South New Boston Road. The term of the offer is to deposit \$1,000 into the Conservation Fund. The Conservation Commission members present were in favor of the proposal. A motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Kunhardt to accept the offer as presented. **Motion passes.**

Cemetery Commission

Polly Freese and EB MacStubbs were present to represent the Cemetery Commission and to jointly execute the landscaping contract with Bryant Landscaping for the years 2020 – 2022.

Consent Agenda

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

- a. Check Manifest date 10/15/2019
- b. Building Permits:
 - i. Crotched Mtn Gold Club, Interior Only, Map 7 Lot 22
 - ii. Chris & Jennifer Gagne, 16*24 Sugar Shack, Map 3 Lot 2
- c. Zoning Permit, Chris Pelletier, 10*10 Sugar Shack, Map 8 Lot 37
- d. Driveway Permits:
 - i. Timothy Sullivan, Perley Road, Map 5 Lot 25-1
 - ii. Gervais Vaillancourt, Poor Farm Road, Map 5 Lot 74-1
- e. Thulander Museum Fund Donation Acceptance \$20.00

New Business

The Board, by consent, appointed Kelly Marshall to the Solid Waste Committee.

The Board executed a Tax Payment Agreement Release for Crotched Mountain Golf Club.

The Board signed the updated Personnel Policy and the Agreement with Old Meeting House regarding use of the Common. Both were previously approved.

The Board discussed and reviewed RFPs for the Town Hall Roof replacement and the replacement of the geothermal unit at the Library. Mr. Pike will rework the RFPs based on the discussion and return next week.

A motion was made by Mr. Howell and seconded by Mr. Kunhardt to enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(e) at 6:29pm. Howell, Aye; Arnold, Aye; Kunhardt, Aye. **Motion passes.**

A motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Kunhardt to exit the non-public session at 6:32pm. **Motion passes unanimously.**

A motion was made by Mr. Kunhardt and seconded by Mr. Howell to seal the minutes of the non-public session because it was determined that divulgence of this information would likely render a proposed action ineffective. Howell, Aye; Arnold, Aye; Kunhardt, Aye. **Motion passes.**

A motion was made by Mr. Kunhardt and seconded by Mr. Howell to enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3,II(b) at 6:34pm. Howell, Aye; Arnold, Aye; Kunhardt, Aye. **Motion passes.**

The Board reviewed the applications received for the Administrative Assistant position. No decisions were made.

A motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Howell to exit the non-public session at 6:40pm. **Motion passes unanimously.**

Being no further business, Chairman Howell adjourned the meeting at 6:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved 11/04/2019

Jamie A Pike