

Town of Franchestown

Board of Selectmen

Minutes of Meeting

Monday, December 17, 2018

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

Others Present: Town Administrator Jamie A Pike, Chief Mike Dowd, Fred Douglas, Robert McAllister, Thomas Goulden, Chief Larry Kullgren, Celeste Lunetta, Jenny Fritz, Kelly Marshall, Linda Kunhardt, Earl Sanford, Guy Tolman, Steven Freese and others.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Kunhardt and seconded by Mr. Howell to appoint Thomas J Goulden, Jr. as a part-time police officer. **Motion passes.** Chairman Howell administered the oath of office to Thomas Goulden.

Chief Kullgren presented to the Board a stair chair that was donated to the department by the Auxiliary. The value of the equipment is \$3,777.37. A motion was made by Mr. Howell and seconded by Ms. Arnold to accept the donation of the stair chair. **Motion passes.** Capt. Lunetta further requested that the Board consider placing the retiring chair as a permanent fixture in the Town Hall. Possible locations were discussed, no decision was made.

Mr. Sanford presented a revised plan for the land swap on East Road. This plan excludes the pond from the property owned by the Town. A motion was made by Mr. Kunhardt and seconded by Mr. Howell to move forward to a public hearing with the plan labeled Option B dated 12/17/2018. **Motion passes.** The scheduling timeframe for the public hearing was discussed. The first hearing will be held on January 21st. The notice will be published January 3rd.

A motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Howell to approve the check manifest dated 12/18/2018. **Motion passes.**

A motion was made by Mr. Kunhardt and seconded by Ms. Arnold to encumber the remaining funds from 2018 Warrant articles 5 (Town Hall, \$40,950), 6 (SCBA Equip., \$10,000), 10 (Fire Dept Radios, \$9,671.42), and 14 (Heritage Museum basement, \$1,190). **Motion passes.**

The Board authorized and accepted a quotation from Hansen Bridge for the replacement of Bicknell Bridge, encumbering funds from 2013 Warrant article #7. (\$53,221.24)

Other encumbered funds include \$1,468.70 from the general fund for the replacement of Police Department weapons.

The Board was presented with a renewal contract for landscaping services for 2019. The contract has a price increase of \$3,000. Of this, \$1,500 is attributable to the cemeteries and the remaining \$1,500 is attributable to fuel increases since 2016. The Board approved the contract.

By consensus the Board approved the appointment of Charlie Pyle as the deputy Treasurer and approved two delegation of Treasurer's Duties policies for ACH transfers and deposit functions.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Howell and seconded by Ms. Arnold to approve the Fund Balance Policy as presented. **Motion passes.**

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

Mr. Pike provided an update for the Milfoil program for 2019. The final costs are \$3,000 higher than anticipated, as NHDES has selected the high bidder for DASH services, DES had problems with the low bidder. The final grant amount is 25%. The Board approved moving forward with the grant and permitting.

At the request of Fred Douglas, Mr. Pike presented a quote for an additional radar speed sign. This sign would be solar powered, and costs \$2,942.50. The Board decided to place the question on the 2019 Town Warrant as a separate article.

Ms. Arnold had asked Mr. Pike to look into the purpose of the Library Building CRF and see if it could be used to fund the brick re-pointing project scheduled for 2019. The fund was created in 1976 for the purpose "purchase of land for a future library building or for construction of a new library building or for the construction of an extension to the present Town Library building". Determining that the fund was not appropriate for the brick re-pointing it was suggested that the fund be dissolved.

Mr. Pike brought forward a complaint from a resident of Wilson Hill Road regarding the condition of the roads. It was alleged that the roads were ice covered and full of pot-holes. Mr. Pike spoke to Gary Paige about the complaint and learned that during the previous storm, the roads were soft and the plows had to be floated, leaving a coating of snow and slush on the roads which later froze. Mr. Paige reported that the department has been out filling pot holes and repairing heavy accumulations of ice.

Mr. Pike brought forward a complaint by an Oak Hill Road resident regarding a homeowner pumping water onto the roadway causing ice ponding and creating a safety hazard. Mr. Kunhardt has been in contact with the responsible party and will be meeting with him to determine the best appropriate corrective action.

Mr. Kunhardt asked the Board if they were agreeable to using the rear parking lot of the Town Offices for a snow dump for the snow pile at the Common. The Board agreed.

A motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Howell to enter into a nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(c) at 6:48pm. Howell, Aye; Arnold, Aye; Kunhardt, Aye **Motion passes.** After a discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Howell and seconded by Ms. Arnold to grant a 100% tax deferral to Polly Freese, Map 12 Lot 10. Howell, Aye; Arnold, Aye; Kunhardt, Nay **Motion passes (2:1)**

A motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Howell to exit the non-public session at 7:08pm. **Motion passes unanimously.**

Being no further business, Chairman Howell adjourned the meeting at 7:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie A Pike

Approved 01/21/2019

Brad Howell

Abigail Arnold

Henry Kunhardt