

Francestown Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, January 14, 2019

Members Present: Brad Howell, Henry Kunhardt and Abigail Arnold

Others Present: Town Administrator Jamie A Pike, Admin Asst. Kim Dalley, Lauren Martin, Sam Greene, Chris Fowler, Evan Roberge and Charlie Pyle.

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

Lauren Martin from Avitar Associates of New England explained how the assessors would perform the revaluation of the Town that is required by the Department of Revenue every 5 years. Sam Greene from DRA explained what his involvement in the process entails. One of his roles is to verify that Avitar is living up to their end of the contract with the Town. DRA will also be reviewing the Town's Veterans, Elderly Exemption, and Current Use records.

A motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Kunhardt to approve the consent agenda dated 1/15/2019.

Motion passes.

Consent Agenda

- a. Check Manifest date 01/15/2019
- b. Building Permit; Fred Whittemore, 117 Dodge Hill Rd
- c. Timber Tax Warrant: Sleeper Mill Farm \$9,978.32

Mr. Pike provided the Board with the areas in the budget and the amounts that could be adjusted in an attempt to keep the overall Town budget at about a 1.5% increase from last year. Areas discussed were a \$1,600 reduction in Video Services, a reduction in PT Officer Wages by \$2,000. It was decided to reduce the Fire Equipment line by \$1,000. The Board decided to reduce Highway's Equipment Rental line by \$1,000 and the Asphalt line by \$1,000. The Board will be meeting with the Budget Committee on January 16th to finalize the budget.

The ownership of the OMH lawns was discussed and it was decided that Mr. Pike should get an estimate on Title work to determine ownership since there are several conflicting deeds.

The Board authorized the transfer of \$75,000 of unassigned fund balance to a separate ledger account as an allowance for the Public Service of NH abatements.

Being no further business, Mr. Howell adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Kim Dalley

Approved 01.21.2019

Brad Howell

Abigail Arnold

Henry Kunhardt