

Town of Francestown

Board of Selectmen

Minutes of Meeting

Monday, November 26, 2018

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

Other Present: Town Administrator Jamie A Pike, Admin Asst. Kim Dalley, Police Chief Fred Douglas, Officer Mike Dowd, Robert McAllister, Sarah Pyle and Polly Freese.

Chairman Howell called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM.

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(a &b) at 5:04 PM. Howell, Aye; Arnold, Aye; Kunhardt, Aye. **Motion passes.**

Other persons present during the nonpublic session were Officer Mike Dowd and Chief Fred Douglas. Officer Dowd accepted the position of Police Chief to be made effective at a swearing in ceremony scheduled for December 10th at 5:00 PM.

A motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Howell to exit the nonpublic session at 5:37 PM. **Motion passes unanimously.**

Lt. McAllister submitted and discussed a proposal to change the firearms utilized by the Police Department from Smith and Wesson's M&P, 45 caliber to the Glock model 17, 9mm caliber. The Dept. has not been happy with the performance of the current weapons and Lt. McAllister suggested that the Glock reliability, simplicity of operation, shooter adaptability and accuracy make it a much better choice for Francestown. The transition, after trade in, would be \$1468.70 which includes 6 weapons, 18 magazines, 6 holsters and 6 magazine pouches. Lt. McAllister is a certified Advanced Armor for Glock weapons and can maintain the weapons and fix potential problems. The Board gave its consensus to move forward with the purchase.

Consent Agenda

- a. Accounts Payable Manifest 11/27/18
- b. Donation Acceptance-Thulander Museum Fund-\$250

A motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Kunhardt to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion Passes

The Board signed the assessing and revaluation contract with Avitar Associates of NE.

After reviewing 40 property sales from last year Avitar is estimating the 2018 equalization ratio to be 88.1%. The Board executed the necessary forms for submission to DRA for final review.

Ms. Arnold moved that the Board accept the Planning Board recommendation to appoint Linda Kunhardt to the SNHPC, seconded by Mr. Howell. Mr. Kunhardt recused himself. **Motion Passes**

Mr. Pike raised the concerns brought to him by John Arnold regarding the plowing of the first 100 feet of Shattuck Pond Rd and thus blocking access to the rest of this Class 6 road. The Board directed Mr. Pike to speak with Gary Paige. Another concern raised was a resident on Main Street piping their water from their cellar over the stone wall and onto Oak Hill Rd.

Mr. Pike relayed George Morgan's desire to give his Sunday work hours at the Transfer Station to new hire Sam Giza. The Board agreed as long as he isn't adding those hours to his work at the Highway Department.

Mr. Carbee brought it to the attention of the Selectmen's Office that people were skating on the fire pond by Bixby Dam. He feels strongly that the Town should have the pond posted with "Dangerous Ice" warnings. Ms. Arnold raised the concern of having a spot at the pond for handicapped parking.

Mr. Pike asked for some clear direction on what the Board would like him to do regarding the snow removal issue that has been raised at several meetings by concerned citizens. Mr. Kunhardt suggested the first thing would be to talk with Mr. Paige during his budget hearing on Wednesday, November 28. Ms. Arnold suggested we find out what the cost would be if the Shattuck Company were going to do the work.

Mr. Kunhardt wanted the Board's approval to spend an hour with Susan Phillips-Hungerford getting her ideas on how to build in the desk at the reception area of the Police Department. The Board concurred.

A motion was made by Mr. Kunhardt and seconded by Mr. Howell to enter into a nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(e) at 6:22 PM. Howell, Aye; Arnold, Aye; Kunhardt, Aye. **Motion passes.**

The Board discussed the settlement offer of \$9,500 from Fairpoint. As part of the agreement, they will not file for an abatement of the 2018 taxes. Ms. Arnold made a motion to accept the offer seconded by Mr. Howell. Howell, Aye; Arnold, Aye; Kunhardt, Aye. **Motion passes.**

A motion was made by Mr. Kunhardt and seconded by Mr. Howell to exit the nonpublic session at 6:27 PM. **Motion passes unanimously.**

A motion was made by Mr. Howell and seconded by Mr. Kunhardt to enter into a nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(c) at 6:28 PM. Howell, Aye; Arnold, Aye; Kunhardt, Aye. **Motion passes.**

Continued discussion on tax deferrals.

A motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Howell to exit the nonpublic session at 6:55 PM.
Motion passes unanimously.

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(a) at 6:56 PM. Howell, Aye; Arnold, Aye; Kunhardt, Aye. **Motion passes.**

A motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Howell to exit the nonpublic session at 7:16 PM.
Motion passes unanimously.

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

Ms. Arnold suggested the Board think about giving raises this year of 2.5% for part-time employees and 2% for full time employees. She suggested that we should do a wage study of surrounding towns.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Dalley

Approved 1/21/19

Brad Howell

Abigail Arnold

Henry Kunhardt