

# Town of Francestown

Board of Selectmen

Minutes of Meeting

Monday, November 5, 2018

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

Other Present: Town Administrator Jamie A Pike, Admin Asst. Kim Dalley, Tom Anderson, Kelly Marshall, Robin Sloan, Pam Avery, Betsy Hardwick, Richard Richards, Dan Crooker, Polly Freese and others.

Chairman Howell called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

## **Consent Agenda**

- a. Accounts Payable Manifest 11/6/18
- b. Capital Reserve Fund Disbursements
  - a. Police Station Renovations \$92,167.33
  - b. Bible Hill Road Reconstruction \$220,323.97
- c. Town Hall Use Application-FIHS December 2, 2018
- d. 2018 Property Tax Warrant (Tax rate \$26.74)

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

## **Motion Passes**

The Sleeper Mill Farm release and agreement was returned to the Select Board with the request to change the wording that requires maintaining the private road at a width of 18'. The Board agreed to strike that sentence and return the amended contract to Mr. Tiedt. The building permit was approved.

The Board agreed to allow Avitar to move forward with the revaluation at their own risk since the monies for the revaluation need to be approved at Town Meeting in March. Mr. Pike will send them the final contract for three years.

Alfred Eisenberg requested the Board address the problem that has developed with the grading of the road and the slope where the road meets his driveway. Mr. Kunhardt will speak with Mr. Paige about resolving the issue.

Mr. Pike alerted the Board that Pat Krueger has an appointment with the Board next week to discuss the problem of snow removal on Main Street. Mr. Pike reported that he had talked with Bennington and they currently budget \$20,000 for sidewalk snow removal. Last year they spent a total of \$26,000.00.

Mr. Pike informed the Board that he would be out of the office next Wednesday and Thursday for the NHMA conference.

The Board of Selectmen began review of the 2019 operating budget.

The Conservation Commission met with the Board to discuss the quality of waterways, brooks and wetlands and how they are being adversely affected by runoff from gravel roads. The Board suggested the Commission compile and prioritize a list of roads. All agreed there is a need to remedy the problem and many options were discussed.

The Board moved upstairs to allow the Conservation Commission to continue its meeting.

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 6:51 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 7:28 PM. **Motion passes unanimously.**

A motion was made by Mr. Kunhardt and seconded by Ms. Arnold to seal the minutes indefinitely because it was determined that divulgence of this information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board. Howell, Aye; Arnold, Aye; Kunhardt, Aye **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(l) at 7:29 PM. Howell, Aye; Arnold, Aye; Kunhardt, Aye. **Motion passes.**

Discussed Fire Dept. stipends

A motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Howell to exit the nonpublic session at 7:36 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 & b) at 7:40 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 8:11 PM. **Motion passes unanimously.**

A motion was made by Mr. Kunhardt and seconded by Ms. Arnold 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.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Dalley

Approved 1/21/19

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Brad Howell

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Abigail Arnold

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Henry Kunhardt