

**Town of Francestown**  
**Board of Selectmen/Budget Committee**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Monday, January 28, 2019**

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

Others Present: Town Administrator Jamie A Pike, Admin Asst. Kim Dalley, Evan Rogers, Jacob Luce, Celeste Lunetta, Larry Kullgren, Charlie Pyle, Judy Miller, Tom Anderson, John Thalhauser and Stewart Brock

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

Evan Rogers presented his idea for a Community Notices sign board that he would like to build for his Scout project. Evan would provide the materials and labor. The Board gave its approval after it was decided that the sign board would be most useful next to the Library.

Mr. Pike gave a quick overview of the changes in the Warrant that were made last week. Article 6, Police Station Parking Lot Engineering, was reduced from \$10,000 to \$5,000 and Article 8 changed to reflect the money for a speed sign will come out of taxation. The Selectmen and Budget Committee then voted on every Article as follows:

- Article 2: Operating Budget- Selectmen 3-0, Budget Committee 5-0
- Article 3: Capital Reserve Funds- Selectmen 3-0, Budget Committee 5-0
- Article 4: Library Building Capital Reserve- Selectmen 3-0, Budget Committee 5-0
- Article 5: Expendable Trust Funds- Selectmen 3-0, Budget Committee 5-0
- Article 6: Town Facility projects- Selectmen 3-0, Budget Committee 5-0
- Article 7: Revaluation of Real Estate- Selectmen 3-0, Budget Committee 5-0
- Article 8: Radar Speed Sign- Selectmen 2-1, Budget Committee 5-0
- Article 9: Sidewalk tractor replacement- Selectmen 3-0, Budget Committee 5-0
- Article 10: Baseball field shed- Selectmen 3-0, Budget Committee 5-0
- Article 11: SCBA filling station- Selectmen 3-0, Budget Committee 5-0

Chief Kullgren and Ms. Lunetta explained the particulars of the grant they were able to secure for the Town and the donation from Mt. Crotchet Firefighters' Association.

- Article 12: Bible Hill Road- Selectmen 3-0, Budget Committee 5-0
- Article 13: Library HVAC- Selectmen 3-0, Budget Committee 5-0

Ms. Arnold proposed two new Articles:

1. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$60,000 for the replacement of Town Bridges(Bicknell Bridge), and to authorize the withdrawal of \$60,000 from the future Repair and Replacement of Bridges Capital Reserve Fund for that purpose.
2. To see if the town will vote to adopt RSA 79-E

After much discussion Mr. Howell and Mr. Kunhardt did not support the proposed articles.

Mr. Kunhardt made a motion to approve the Check Manifest dated 1/29/19, seconded by Mr. Howell.

**Motion passes**

Mr. Kunhardt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Howell to adopt Avitar's recommendation on the abatement request from David Courtright, Map 8 Lot 60. **Motion passes**

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(d) at 7:25 pm. 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 7:30 pm. **Motion passes unanimously.**

A motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Kunhardt to seal the minutes of the non-public session because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would 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 nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(e) at 7:32 pm. Howell, Aye; Arnold, Aye; Kunhardt, Aye **Motion passes.**

Discussed the current utility assessment litigation. It was decided unanimously to reject a settlement offer.

A motion was made by Mr. Howell and seconded by Ms. Arnold to exit the non-public session at 7:45 pm. **Motion passes unanimously.**

Being no further business, Mr. Howell adjourned the meeting at 7:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Dalley

Approved 03.18.2019

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Brad Howell

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Abigail Arnold

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Henry Kunhardt