

# Town of Fracestown

Board of Selectmen

Minutes of Meeting

Monday, January 21, 2019

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

Others Present: Town Administrator Jamie A Pike, Admin Asst. Kim Dalley, Earl Sandford, John Perry, Al Bell, Charlie Pyle and Susan Downs-Cripps.

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

## **Public Hearing**

In the first of two public hearings Mr. Sandford presented the East Road ROW Correction Plan. The Board indicated that they had gotten letters of support for the plan from the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board and invited the public to make comment or ask questions. Mr. Sandford informed the Board that the Nitrate setback involves a portion of the Town's land which requires further research. The Board thanked Mr. Sandford for the presentation and since there were no comments from the audience the public hearing was concluded.

## **New Business**

Ms. Arnold expressed the concern that had been relayed to her that Mountain Maintenance had posted the access road to the Town land on Crotched Mountain. Mr. Bell and Mr. Perry explained that the wellheads are located where people have parked to walk up the road and that there can be no vehicles parked within 300 feet of the well heads. Providing a designated area for parking or reposting directly on the buildings were suggested solutions to the issue.

The Board discussed RSA 79-E which Mr. Pyle has suggested be endorsed by the Board and presented to the Town as a Warrant Article at Town Meeting. Mr. Pyle feels that it would be a useful tool for the Town to encourage restoration of old buildings and that the area covered can be determined by the Select Board after the fact.

Mr. Pyle gave the Board an amendment to the lease on the recreation fields that would allow a building for the Rec Dept. use.

## **Consent Agenda**

- a. Check Manifest date 01/22/2019
- b. Building Permit: Delorey, 347 New Boston Rd (Window & Door Replacement)

c. Building Permit: Delorey, 347 New Boston Rd (8x12 shed)

A motion was made by Mr. Kunhardt and seconded by Mr. Howell to approve the consent agenda dated 1/22/2019. **Motion passes.**

Mr. Pike proposed new or changed articles for the warrant.

1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000 to perform necessary engineering, preconstruction and reconstruction activities on Bible Hill. After discussion it was decided to raise the amount to \$170,000.
2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,600 to continue the video service. After discussion it was determined that the Town can decide to amend the budget to include the \$1,600 if desired.
3. To reduce Article 6 PD parking lot engineering portion from \$10,000 to \$5,000. Mr. Kunhardt felt , after examining the parking lot, that it was a more appropriate amount. Mr. Kunhardt felt the field work could be performed in house.

This lead to a discussion of the Town Hall parking lot. Mr. Kunhardt said he could not determine a problem with the parking lot after examination with the Road Agent Mr. Paige and Kevin Leonard. Ms. Arnold raised the question of repairing the horse shed sills which are in need of some attention but the Board was waiting for the work on the parking lot to be finished before tackling that problem. It was suggested we add the horsesheds to the CIP.

4. Article 8 was changed from purchasing a radar speed sign with funds from unassigned fund balance to raise by taxation.
5. The wording f Article 12 regarding funds to be used to repair Library Geo-thermal was unclear so Mr. Kunhardt offered to provide new language for next week's meeting.

Mr. Pike spoke with legal counsel about the debate over land ownership at the Old Meeting House and was advised that a title search would be cumbersome and expensive and the Town would be better served to move forward with a boundary line adjustment agreement between the two parties. Mr. Pike is to arrange a meeting with the OMH board.

Mr. Kunhardt asked the Board on behalf of the Selectmen's Advisory Committee to comment on the School Board Budget. The Selectmen declined to comment.

Mr. Howell made a motion to approve the minutes of 1/14/19, 1/7/19, 12/17/18, 12/17/18, 12/10/18, 12/6/18, 12/5/18, 12/3/18, 11/26/18, 11/12/19, 11/5/19, seconded by Ms. Arnold. **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(e) at 7:38 pm. Howell, Aye; Arnold, Aye; Kunhardt, Aye **Motion passes.**

Discussed the current utility assessment litigation

A motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Kunhardt to exit the non-public session at 7:48 pm. **Motion passes unanimously.**

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(d) at 7:50 pm. Howell, Aye; Arnold, Aye; Kunhardt, Aye **Motion passes.**

A motion was made by Mr. Howell and seconded by Ms. Arnold to exit the non-public session at 7:57 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.**

Being no further business, Mr. Howell adjourned the meeting at 7:58 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