

Town of Francestown  
Board of Selectmen  
Minutes of Meeting  
Monday, March 27, 2017

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

Others Present: Town Administrator Jamie A Pike, Larry Laber and Polly Freese

Chairman Howell called the meeting to order at 5:35pm

Larry Laber raised objections to the purchase and use of the Radar Speed signs in relation to the current zoning ordinance which prohibits electronic message boards.

**Consent Agenda**

- A. Payroll & Accounts Payable Manifest 03/28/17
- B. Heritage Fund Donations - \$17,500
- C. MS-232 –Report of Appropriations Actually Voted

A motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Kunhardt to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and discussed. **Motion passes.**

**New Business**

- A. Abatement Application, John Brekka, Map 5 Lot 40-1  
Home was destroyed by fire. Taxes to be prorated pursuant to RSA 76:21. A motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Kunhardt to approve the abatement. **Motion passes.**
- B. Deaf Exemption Application, Patrick Haase, Map 3 Lot 48  
The Town has not yet adopted the deaf exemption for property taxes. A motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Kunhardt to deny the application. **Motion passes.**

**Other Business**

- A. Mr. Pike to attend Francestown Village Water Company annual meeting and represent the five town buildings utilizing the service.
- B. Complaint from Mr. Markowitz about lenient fines for dog nuisance. It was noted that the fines are statutory and not subject to amendment by the Town. Mr. Pike to draft letter suggesting Mr. Markowitz contact his legislator.
- C. Letter from Steve Griffin voices concern about losing Post Office. Mr. Pike to draft response.
- D. Letter from Chief Kullgren asking permission to advertise Fire Department vehicle before it has been taken out of service on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The Board felt advertising the truck was premature, but emphasized that it should be done in a public and transparent manner.
- E. Planning board had questions about Complete Streets. Mr. Pike to follow up with DOT
- F. Chief Douglas raised the question of cell phone use and cancelling town phones in favor of using personal phones and getting a stipend. The Board decided to cancel the two existing cell phone lines and grant a monthly stipend in the amount of \$30 to Chief Douglas and Patrolman Zamachaj.
- G. The Board reviewed a DRAFT Stewardship plan for the Town Hall.
- H. A motion was made by Mr. Kunhardt and seconded by Mr. Howell to approve the minutes of 2/11/17, 3/22/17 and 3/23/17 as amended.. **Motion passes.**

- I. Ms. Arnold discussed the Road Safety Audit request from SNHPC and the Planning Board. The limited accidents did not rise to the level requiring a safety audit.
- J. The Board discussed the requirement for an archaeological review of the Town Hall grounds prior to construction. Mr. Pike had contacted Robert Goodby and a proposal was forthcoming. The Board agreed that time was of the essence and was in favor of moving forward with the assessment.
- K. Selectmen Liaisons:
  - a. Planning Board Ex-Officio – Abigail Arnold
  - b. Planning Board Ex-Officio Alternate – Brad Howell
  - c. Selectmen’s Advisory Committee (ConVal) – Henry Kunhardt
  - d. Heritage Commission –Brad Howell
  - e. Town Hall Construction Liaison – Henry Kunhardt
- L. The Board discussed the LCHIP Grant checklist.
- M. The Planning Board sent a memo recommending the appointment of Guy Tolman as representative to SNHPC. The Board will take up the matter with other committee appointments.
- N. Ms. Freese inquired about the Age-Friendly Community Assessment

Chairman Howell adjourned the meeting at 6:32pm.

Respectfully Submitted  
Kimberlee Dalley

Approved 04/17/2017

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Brad Howell

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Abigail Arnold

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Henry Kunhardt