

Town of Francelstown

Board of Selectmen

Minutes of Meeting

Monday, April 8, 2019

Members Present: Brad Howell, Henry Kunhardt and Abigail Arnold

Others Present: Town Administrator Jamie A Pike, Admin Asst. Kim Dalley, Deb Adams, Ellie Miles, Ruth Behrsing, BJ Carbee, and Kevin Pobst

Mr. Howell called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM.

Mr. Pike gave an overview of the plans submitted by Deb Adams and Mike Petrovick for the pantry on the second floor of Town Hall. Ms. Adams walked us through her plan with taped areas designated on the floor and walls of the pantry. Ms. Carbee suggested that the Select Board contact the State to ensure that work is in compliance with regulations.

Kevin Pobst, as a Garden Club representative, came to the Board with an idea for the beautification of Francelstown by planting lilac bushes at the end of the horse sheds where there are two burning bushes, which are invasive. The Board approved the removal of the Burning Bushes but did not approve the planting of the lilac bushes in that location since it is where various committees and organizations hang banners or signs to advertise their events. Lilacs can also grow quite large which could impede visibility exiting the Town Hall parking lot.

Consent Agenda

- a. Check Manifest dated 04/09/19
- b. Intent to Cut: Heidi Dawidoff, Map 3 Lot 12

A motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Kunhardt to approve the consent agenda.

Motion passes.

A motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Howell to approve a charitable Property Tax Exemption to Francelstown Village Water Co. Mr. Kunhardt voted no. **Motion passes**

The Board denied New England Forestry's application for a charitable Property Tax Exemption.

It was brought to the Board's attention that that a pine tree with a 3ft+ diameter base, located at 1287 Pleasant Pond Rd., is rotted and threatens to fall across the Town Road. It was reported that Gary Paige felt the tree should be removed and consulted with Andy Grant. Grant estimated \$1,200± to cut and remove the tree. Discussion ensued about the responsibility of removing dangerous trees. Mr. Kunhardt

suggested that the Town cannot be expected to remove all the trees threatening roads. Mr. Kunhardt will consult with counsel to determine the Town's responsibility. Mr. Pike will contact Eversource since it also threatens the power lines.

Mr. Pike brought several items to the attention of the Board. Precision Temp will be evaluating a problem with a condensate leak in the furnace at the Highway Dept.. Silas Little alerted the Board to the need of some repair to the clock tower stairs. There was some question about the responsibility of repair being with the Old Meeting House.

The Solid Waste Committee would like to meet with the Board on Monday, April 22nd to complete a site walk of the Transfer Station. Mr. Pike will confirm time with the Solid Waste Committee.

The Fire Dept. will be replacing their Smokey the Bear sign and they want to obtain an electronic emergency message sign through a grant.

The Board received a complaint about the grading on Russell Station Road. Mr. Pike relayed the complaint to the Road Agent, Gary Paige, and was informed that the road was not thawed enough to grade.

Mr. Howell agreed to represent the Select Board on the Hazard Mitigation Committee.

The Planning Board would like the Select Board to join them in a meeting regarding RSA 79-E. Mr. Pike suggested meeting with them on the 16th and not having a Selectmen's meeting on the 15th which the Board agreed to.

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 6:39 pm. Howell, Aye; Arnold, Aye; Kunhardt, Aye **Motion passes.**

Discussed current use issues which have arisen during the 5 year review. Map 2 Lot 33, Map 3 Lots 85 & 86 and Map 6 Lots 22 & 23-1 no longer qualify for the current use exemption. It was decided to grant 60 days for the owners of Map 3 Lots 85 & 86 and Map 6 Lots 22 & 23-1 to address titling issues. Map 2 Lot 33 does not have sufficient acreage to qualify for CU and will be issued a LUCT.

A motion was made by Mr. Howell and seconded by Ms. Arnold to exit the non-public session at 7:07 pm. **Motion passes unanimously.**

A motion was made by Mr. Howell and seconded by Ms. Arnold to enter into a nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(d) at 7:08 pm. Howell, Aye; Arnold, Aye; Kunhardt, Aye **Motion passes.**

A motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Howell to exit the non-public session at 7:31 pm. **Motion passes unanimously.**

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

Chairman Howell adjourned the meeting at 7:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Dalley

Approved May 6, 2019