## Town of Francestown Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting Monday, June 10, 2019

Members Present: Brad Howell, Henry Kunhardt and Abigail Arnold

Others Present: Town Administrator Jamie A Pike, Admin Asst. Kim Dalley, Pam Finnell, Betsy Hardwick, Robert McAllister, Chief Mike Dowd, Chief Larry Kullgren, and Fred Douglas

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

Pam Finnell, Tax Collector/Town Clerk, requested a general warrant from the Board enabling her to move forward with civil forfeitures for dog licenses. The Selectmen signed the warrant. Ms. Finnell went on to tax deeding. She prepared waivers and acceptances for the properties that are up for tax deeding and asked the Board for a decision on each.

- 1. Crotched Mountain Golf Club-The Board signed a waiver of the tax deed because they have made a tax payment agreement with CMGC.
- 2. Chun Ping Wang-Map 5 Lot 88-1- Ms. Arnold made a motion to accept the tax deed, seconded by Mr. Howell. **Motion passes**
- Bradford Notemyer-Map 2 Lot 31-1- Owing less than \$500 on his 2016 taxes and nothing on his 2017 & 2018 taxes. Mr. Howell made a motion to waive the tax deed, seconded by Ms. Arnold. Motion passes.
- 4. Michael Stone-Map 3 Lot 73- He contacted Ms. Finnell and promised to bring in payment the next day. Ms. Arnold made a motion to accept the tax deed if payment was not received by noon, seconded by Mr. Kunhardt. **Motion passes**
- 5. Aaron Williams-Map 5 Lot 62-Mr. Howell moved to accept the tax deed, seconded by Ms. Arnold. **Motion passes**

Chief Larry Kullgren gave a short demonstration of the new SCBA tank. He invited the Board and Mr. Pike to come to visit the station after all the new equipment is installed. Discussion between Chief Kullgren, the Police Department and the Board was generated by an email sent to the Board from Celeste Lunetta asking for consideration in creating a priority system for police coverage through Mutual Aide. Chief Dowd explained in detail how the mutual aid system works, and that State Police has the option of calling another area town to respond if the situation warrants the expedited response.

Betsy Hardwick (Conservation Commission) requested permission from the Board to put in a culvert on Bullard Hill, a class 6 road. The Board gave unanimous consent. Ms. Hardwick asked that the Board allow the ConCom to remove tires and trash, that has been dumped in the Town Forest on the Wharton Property by Fisher Hill Road, and drop it at the Transfer Station. The Board gave unanimous consent. Ms. Hardwick also renewed the conversation about runoff from gravel roads and the problems created in wetlands and surface waters. It was noted that the work done by the Highway Dept. on Poor Farm Rd was working well. The posting of no trespassing signs, by Mountain Maintenance, at the entrance to the Crotched Mtn. R-O-W was also discussed. It was suggested that the Town look into creating a parking area away from the well-heads for recreational visitors. Each member was asked to look at the area.

## Consent Agenda

- a) Check Manifest dated 06.11.2019
- b) Intent to Cut Paul & Lisa Perreault, Map 1 Lot 7-1
- c) Intent to Cut Crotched Mtn. Golf Club, Map 7 Lot 21
- d) Abatement Approval Stuart Clark Jr., Map 5 Lot 74-1

A motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Howell to approve the consent agenda. **Motion passes.** 

Mr. Kunhardt made a motion to accept the minutes of May 13<sup>th</sup> as amended, seconded by Mr. Howell. **Motion passes**.

The Board signed the Timber Tax Warrant for Albert & Joan Dietrich, Map 8 Lot 32.

The Board signed the Tax Payment Agreement between Crotched Mountain Golf Club and the Town of Francestown.

The Board reviewed and discussed an email addressing concerns about liability and dogs inhibiting the ability of employees being able to work efficiently. Mr. Howell made a motion to prohibit employees from bringing dogs to the Transfer Station seconded by Mr. Kunhardt. **Motion passes.** Ms. Arnold made a motion to prohibit employees from bringing dogs to the Highway Dept. Motion not seconded.

Mr. Pike was approved to attend the Certified Public Manager Program for \$1,500.00.

There was a consensus to move forward with Mr. Kunhardt's plans for the line striping at the intersection of NH136 and NH47 which includes realigning the stop bar at the triangle and possibly stenciling STOP on the road.

Mr. Pike informed the Board of a request for records regarding "any records that specify any charges, including costs and fees, for copies of records." from the Right to Know NH organization. Not being aware of any formal policy or Board actions, Mr. Pike will respond with the current rates being charged for copies.

A motion was made by Mr. Howell and seconded by Kunhardt to enter into a nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(a) at 7:36 pm. Howell, Aye; Kunhardt, Aye; Arnold, Aye **Motion passes.** 

The Board discussed a potential increase to the Town Administrator's salary. The Board unanimously agreed to increase the salary to \$59,700 a year effective July 1, 2019.

A motion was made by Mr. Kunhardt and seconded by Mr. Howell to exit the non-public session at 7:42 pm. **Motion passes unanimously.** 

Being no further business, Mr. Howell adjourned the meeting at 7:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved on 07/01/2019

Kim Dalley