

Town of Francestown

Board of Selectmen

Minutes of Meeting

Monday, April 17, 2017

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

Others Present: Town Administrator Jamie A Pike, Pam Finnell, Ben Haubrich, Pat and John Thalhauser, Guy Tolman and Polly Freese

Chairman Howell called the meeting to order at 5:32pm.

Appointments

- A. Pam Finnell – Tax Collector

Ms. Finnell discussed the properties that are due to be tax deeded.

Consent Agenda

- A. Accounts Payable Manifest 4/19/2017
- B. Intent to Cut – Map 9 Lot 17-2 – Hoey
- C. Notice of Intent to Cut Extension – Map 8 Lot 2 – Abbott
- D. Building Permit, Map 3 Lot 48: Patrick Haase – New Deck
- E. Building Permit, Map 7 Lot 1; SBA Properties – Replacement of Antennas
- F. Heritage Fund Donations - \$25.00

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

New Business

- A. Abatements Request Review

A motion was made by Ms. Arnold seconded by Mr. Kunhardt to accept the assessor's recommendation upon the abatements for Map 9 Lot 26 in the amount of \$24,400 and Map 3 Lot 73-3 in the amount of \$15,300. **Motion passes**

Other Business

A motion was made by Mr. Kunhardt and seconded by Mr. Howell to approve a contract with CLD Consulting Engineers for the design work on South New Boston Road bridge in the amount of \$84,107. **Motion passes**

Kim Dalley will be reorganizing the Joint Loss Management Committee and a representative is needed from the Board. Mr. Howell volunteered to be the selectmen's representative.

The Board had been asked to view a tree that was reported as a hazard at the Bixby Dam. The Board agreed that the tree should be removed as it imposed an imminent hazard. Gary Paige will be informed of the decision.

The Board has been approached regarding the salvage of certain items remaining in the Town Hall. The Pyles offered to hire an independent contractor at their expense to remove kitchen cabinets and table which will be stored and saved for possible future use in the Hall. Miller Plumbing and Heating have offered to remove the oil tank in exchange for the oil tank. Mr. Paige has reported that the Highway Dept. has no use for the tank. The existing railings in the main staircase will be offered to FIHS for use in the Beehive. If they cannot be used, they are to be returned to the Town.

There are two safes of uncertain origin in the basement that are available and need to be removed. Brooks Place has expressed an interest in them.

A motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Howell to approve the BOS meeting minutes for March 6th, March 13th, March 27th, April 3rd, April 10th, and April 11th as amended.

Motion passes

Ms. Arnold noted that SBA Properties should be reminded that the gate leading to the property must be secured.

Mr. Kunhardt suggested that the sponsors of the Hampshire 100 bike race be required to police the trails at conclusion for trash.

Questions were received from the audience concerning the start date for Town Hall renovation and PD improvements and whether the speed sign had been purchased.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:04pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Dalley

APPROVED 05.08.2017

Brad Howell

Abigail Arnold

Henry Kunhardt