

Town of Franchestown

Board of Selectmen

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday, June 13, 2017

Members Present: Abigail Arnold and Henry Kunhardt

Others Present: Town Administrator Jamie A Pike, Tax Collector Pam Finnell, Admin. Asst. Kim Dalley, Polly Freese and Thomas Anderson.

Ms. Arnold called the meeting to order at 9:10am.

Tax Collector Pam Finnell was present to discuss with the Board the two properties that are subject to tax deeding for unredeemed liens for the 2014 tax year. The first parcel is Map 8 Lot 47-1. The subject parcel has been incorporated into a personal bankruptcy filing. Upon the advice and information received from counsel, a motion was made by Mr. Kunhardt and seconded by Ms. Arnold to waive the acceptance of the tax deed at this time. **Motion passes.** Following further investigation into the bankruptcy by Town Counsel, the Board will instruct Ms. Finnell to initiate the tax deed notice procedure with the inclusion of the bankruptcy court trustee if necessary.

A second parcel, Map 5 Lot 62, is due for tax deed. The Board has previously entered into discussions with the property owner to execute a tax payment agreement. The Board discussed particulars as to the language of the payment agreement. A motion was made by Mr. Kunhardt and seconded by Ms. Arnold to approve the agreement as amended and to waive the tax deed acceptance. **Motion passes.**

Mr. Kunhardt provided a brief update on the progress of the Town Hall rehabilitation. This week, the demolition crew will begin removing the second floor deck and DODGCO is scheduled to begin the framing work of the second floor. Mr. Kunhardt noted that there will be several pieces of the existing frame that may be salvaged. Michael Bruss has expressed an interest in purchasing these framing timbers from the Town. The Board agreed to post a notice to allow all interested parties an opportunity to bid on the framing timbers. Mr. Kunhardt further reported that Mr. Petrovick will be submitting the fire suppression package to the State Fire Marshall for review. This submittal will include a request for a waiver with respect to the VoiceEvac system.

Consent Agenda:

- I. Payroll & Accounts Payable Manifests 06/13/2017
- II. Heritage Fund Donation Acceptance \$150
- III. Zoning/Demo Permit – Map 5 Lot 63-4 – Thomas Peters
- IV. Building Permit – Map 3 Lot 6-2 – John & Cynthia McInnis

Mr. Kunhardt noted that there were many invoices submitted by the Fire Department that seemed to be new programs that were not specifically addressed during the budget process. Ms. Arnold noted that approval of these invoices does not extend permission for the department to over expend their annual budget. A motion was made by Mr. Kunhardt and seconded by Ms. Arnold to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **Motion passes.**

A motion was made by Mr. Kunhardt and seconded by Ms. Arnold to approve the MS-535 Financial Statement as prepared by auditor Tim Greene. **Motion passes.**

Mr. Kunhardt noted an email from Tom Hoey to the Conservation Commission regarding a proposed driveway upon his property on Poor Farm Road.

Ms. Freese advised the Board about 1) a blocked culvert located adjacent to her property, 2)her concern regarding the safety of the Town Common intersection during a recent event at the Old Meeting House, and 3) noted that this meeting should have been video recorded.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:47am.

Respectfully submitted,
Jamie A Pike

Approved on 07/24/2017

Brad Howell

Abigail Arnold

Henry Kunhardt