

Town of Francestown
Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, August 21, 2017

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

Others Present: Town Administrator Jamie A Pike, Charlie Pyle, and Polly Freese

Chairman Howell called the meeting to order at 5:30

Public Hearing (RSA 31:95-b)

To accept \$81,510.08 as an additional appropriation of Highway Block Grant Funds in accordance with the provisions of Senate Bill 38. These funds are additional grants under RSA 235:23, I to be used for the funding of local infrastructure projects. The plan is to send out an RFP for a temporary bridge over Collins Brook on Old County Rd North.

A motion was made by Ms. Arnold seconded by Mr. Kunhardt to accept the unanticipated funds of \$81,510.08 and designate them to be used by Highway Dept. **Motion passes.**

Town Hall Update

Mr. Pike met with John Edwards from Macmillan and Mike Bruss. Tomorrow they will start putting up the drywall, and the outside painters will begin. They are finishing up running all the electrical and the pouring of the front ramp has begun. Picture rail change order #9 came in at \$370.13. All Board members were in agreement to accept that change. Mr. Pike shared the color choices and met with Kris Stewart who will be cleaning up the area for Labor Day and making some seating from the leftover granite as a contribution to the project. Mr. Stewart felt he would be able to tuck the propane tank down to the left of the building where the lilac bushes reside.

New Business

- A. Payroll & Accounts Payable Manifest 8/22/2017 was signed without discussion.
- B. Selection of Bond Counsel for \$350,000.00 for Town Hall. PretiFlaherty gave a quote of \$3,000 which the Board found reasonable. Mr. Kunhardt made a motion to accept the proposal, seconded by Mr. Howell. **Motion passes.**
- C. Mr. Pike sent out RFPs for the heating fuel contract in July and got three responses. Ciardelli, Rymes and Dead River. Ciardelli came in slightly lower on gas but higher on propane and Rymes and Dead River were within pennies of each other. Mr. Kunhardt made the motion to award the 2017/18 Heating Fuel Contract to Rymes seconded by Mr. Howell. **Motion passes.**
- D. Intent to Cut, Map 8 Lot 38, James Harrington/Karen Fitzgerald was signed after some discussion.

Other Business

JP Pest was called in to investigate rodent activity in the Annex. It was discovered that a colony of flying squirrels were living in the Annex. They proposed sealing access to the building and installing one-way

doors that would prevent the squirrels from returning to the building after exiting. This treatment will cost \$979.00. After some discussion the Board decided to have the treatment completed.

Mr. Kunhardt discussed multiple problems and solutions to the rodent and building issues at the Transfer Station. Mr. Howell made a motion to go with a new building with a foundation in an attempt to keep the rats out. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. **Motion passes.**

Mr. Howell and Leah Hart with the Society for the Protection of NH Forests, hiked to the two sheds that were discovered on Crotched Mt. and has asked that they be removed to stay compliant with the conditions of our conservation easement. After much discussion, it was decided to seek volunteers to remove the buildings.

The Board announced it had promoted and appointed Robert McAllister as a Lieutenant with the department. The appointment letter was signed.

South New Boston bridge project was discussed by Mr. Kunhardt.

A motion was made by Mr. Kunhardt and seconded by Mr. Howell to enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(a). 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 7:21pm. All in Favor. **Motion passes.**

A motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Kunhardt to seal the minutes of the non-public session indefinitely as the divulgence of the information would likely affect adversely the reputation of a person other than a member of the Board. Howell, Aye; Arnold, Aye; Kunhardt, Aye. **Motion passes.**

A motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Kunhardt to enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(b). Howell, Aye; Arnold, Aye; Kunhardt, Aye. **Motion passes.**

The Board discussed the hiring of a person to manage and complete the upgrades to the Transfer Station building. Mr. Pike recommended Paul St. Cyr to perform this work. A motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Howell to approve the hiring of Mr. St. Cyr at a rate of \$30/hr. Howell and Arnold in favor, Kunhardt abstained. **Motion passes.**

A motion was made Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Howell to exit the non-public session at 7:27pm. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

Being no further business, Chairman Howell adjourned the meeting at 7:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberlee Dalley and Jamie A Pike

Approved 10/2/17

Brad Howell

Abigail Arnold

Henry Kunhardt