

Town of Franchestown
Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, September 11, 2017

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

Others Present: Town Administrator Jamie A Pike, Betty Behrsing and Polly Freese

Chairman Howell called the meeting to order at 5:35

Town Hall Update

Mr. Pike gave a brief update on progress at the Town Hall. The lift has been installed and will be operational after the dry wall is finished and the state inspects it. The upstairs floor is 80% finished. The custom window for the attic was rejected by LCHIP so Mr. Pike would like to make it available for sale. The Board agreed.

Consent Agenda

- a. Check Manifest dated 09/12/2017
- b. Intent to Cut: Charles Thompson, Dennison Pond Road
- c. Intent to Cut: Brigham White, Bible Hill Road
- d. Building Permit; Jack Hopfenspirger, 85 Palmer Road - Renovations
- e. Building Permit; Donald Kinghorn, 663 2nd NH Tpke S – Transfer
- f. Master Plan Fund Disbursement Request; Dan Sundquist, \$2,253.20
- g. Timber Tax Appraisal & Warrant: Pettee Family Trust, Map 6 Lot 61-2
- h. Museum Trust Fund Donation Acceptance - \$74

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

Motion passes

Building Permit: Gerard Linehan, 731 Bennington Rd-Renovations- Motion was made by Mr. Kunhardt to approve the building permit with a 50% penalty for starting work without a permit, seconded by Mr. Howell. **Motion passes**

New Business

- A. The MS-434 revenue report as discussed on August 28th increases the overlay to \$100,000, which is to be offset with undesignated fund balance, for the purpose of future Eversource abatements. There were no other changes. This was already voted on but needed Mr. Howell's signature. Mr. Kunhardt questioned whether or not this was enough and Ms. Arnold suggested they look at George Sancoucy's formula for figuring what may be needed. The final numbers may still be adjusted at tax rate setting.
- B. Mr. Pike presented some bids on restriping the crosswalk lines in front of the town offices. A motion was made by Mr. Kunhardt to hire Ameriseal to paint the crosswalk seconded by Mr. Howell. **Motion passes**

- C. Transfer Station Compactor needs the motor and pump replaced for \$2354.56. Mr. Pike met with the service tech person who recommended that they wait and do it at the time of the replacement of the building.

Other Business

Mr. Pike presented pictures of a property that has placed rocks in an area that was a concern to our Road Agent. The rocks need to be set back 25 feet from center line. Mr. Pike will determine their distance from the centerline and report back to the Board.

Mr. Crooker, from Conservation Commission, was in contact with someone who has offered to take down the building that is in violation of the SPNHF easement on Crotched Mt.. The board agreed to grant permission for the person to remove the structure with the deadline of October 31st.

The planning board has sent out the CIP packets. Mr. Pike is finishing the budget season schedule.

There was discussion about having JP Pest Services provide pest management to the Library. The board felt that would be up to the library and would come out of their budget.

Mr. Pike initiated a discussion on the opening of the Town Hall. The Heritage Commission would like to schedule the opening with the FIHS tree lighting. Mr. Pike felt that was too late and that November would be more appropriate. Mr. Kunhardt felt we needed to postpone the decision on opening until we have a better idea of the actual finish date. Discussion continued about cleaning and having a fee schedule for the use of Town Hall which would be based on our best estimate of our operating cost for heat, cleaning etc.

Mr. Pike gave a quick update on the building of the Transfer Station. Mr. Pike and Paul St.Cyr had a meeting to discuss foundation. Mr. Pike estimates the project will take two weeks.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Approved 10/2/17

Kim Dalley

Brad Howell

Abigail Arnold

Henry Kunhardt