

Town of Francestown

Board of Selectmen

Minutes of Meeting

Monday, January 15, 2018

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

Other Present: Town Administrator Jamie A Pike, Admin Asst. Kim Dalley, Kevin Pobst and Polly Freese

Chairman Howell called the meeting to order at 5:30.

A motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Howell to approve the Check Manifest dated 01/16/2018. **Motion Passes**

Mr. Kunhardt gave an update on the Police Dept. renovation. Before anything can proceed asbestos testing must take place. The Board agreed that the testing should be arranged and that the cost should not exceed \$1,100. Mr. Kunhardt went on to explain measures that could be taken to lower overall cost of the renovation, such as changing the requirement for sound proof ceiling tiles, changing the method for insulating the west side of the slab and others. The expectation would be to start the project immediately following town meeting on March 17th.

Mr. Kunhardt then went on to update the Board on the Town Hall and his efforts to regulate and monitor the temperature. Thanks to Mr. Kunhardt's efforts the risk of the basement freezing have been minimized. In the event of a power outage the BOS discussed acquiring a generator but felt that the Highway or Fire Dept. generators would suffice. It was decided that the Board should proceed with plans to install a generator transfer panel, at a cost of \$850, to run the furnace, some lights and blowers during a power outage.

Mr. Pike presented the Board with a revised job description for the Recreation Director. The Board authorized advertising the position.

The Board reviewed the milfoil proposals for Scoby Pond for the 2018 season. It was decided to move forward with the Procellacor option at the cost of \$32,380 and accept a grant from DES in the amount of \$8095.

Mr. Pike provided an overview of the changes in 2018 budget compared to prior year. There is approximately a \$30,000 increase. There is a budget meeting scheduled for Thursday.

There was discussion of SB395 involving the right-to-know law and HB561 regarding retirement.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Dalley

Approved 4/23/2018

Brad Howell

Abigail Arnold

Henry Kunhardt