

Town of Francestown

Board of Selectmen

Minutes of Meeting

Monday, June 24, 2019

Members Present: Brad Howell, Henry Kunhardt and Abigail Arnold

Others Present: Town Administrator Jamie A Pike, Admin Asst. Kim Dalley and Betsy Hardwick

Mr. Howell called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM.

Betsy Hardwick met with the Board to get some clarification on the status of Class A Trails in Francestown. She had encountered a group of trail bike riders who wanted to use the Cressy Hill Road which is a Class A Trail beyond her house. The leader of the group contacted Officer Douglas to determine whether or not he can use the Class A Trail. The trail is clearly posted "No OHRVs, No ATVs, No Trailbikes" and his trail bike was determined to be an OHRV pursuant to RSA 215-A:1, VI. Mr. Pike will draft a letter to the gentleman sighting the RSAs involved and give Officer Douglas a written explanation of what is intended by the Board.

A motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Howell to approve the check manifest dated 06.25.2019, the acceptance of a Recreation Fund donation of \$30 and the Unlicensed Dog Warrant.

Motion passes.

The Board signed the reversal of the Tax Deed for Chun Ping Wang, as decided 6/17/19.

Mr. Pike got clarification on the proposal from JP Pest to treat the PD. If the Town were to contract for the quarterly preventative program it would include the ant treatment and would be \$959.60 for the first year and \$768 every year thereafter. The Board agreed to the proposal for quarterly treatments.

Ms. Arnold made a motion to approve Kevin Pobst's nomination to the Piscataquog River Local Advisory Committee, seconded by Mr. Howell. **Motion passes.**

A motion was made by Mr. Howell and seconded by Mr. Kunhardt to deny Eversource's abatement application as recommended by the assessor. **Motion passes.**

Mr. Pike presented the fee structure offered by James R. St. Jean, auctioneers, for the tax deeded property located at 82 Pleasant Pond Road. The question was raised about whether putting a minimum bid in place would change the contract. Mr. Pike will contact St. Jeans and the Board will revisit the contract next week.

The Tri-Town meeting in Bennington was cancelled last week and has been tentatively rescheduled for July 20th. Ms. Arnold suggested that they wait until fall. Mr. Pike will contact them.

Ms. Arnold desired to reconsider our policy on dogs at the Transfer Station. Primex, the Town's insurance provider and Town Counsel were both contacted and advised that dogs should not be allowed in any workplace due to liability and productivity issues. A motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Howell to not allow all dogs in town workplaces during normal business hours. **Motion passes.**

A motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Howell to enter into a nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(a) at 6:14 pm. Howell, Aye; Kunhardt, Aye; Arnold, Aye **Motion passes.**

Others Present: TA Jamie A Pike and AA Kim Dalley

The Board discussed a complaint they received regarding an employee. Mr. Pike is to inform the complainant that the Board appreciates their input but no action is warranted.

A motion was made by Mr. Kunhardt and seconded by Mr. Howell to exit the non-public session at 6:38 pm. **Motion passes unanimously.**

Being no further business, Mr. Howell adjourned the meeting at 6:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Dalley