

## Town of Francestown

Board of Selectmen

Minutes of Meeting

Monday, July 22, 2019

Members Present: Brad Howell, Henry Kunhardt and Abigail Arnold

Others Present: Town Administrator Jamie A Pike, Admin Asst. Kim Dalley, Pam Avery, Kevin Pobst, Ethan Belair, Kelly Armstrong, Betsy Hardwick and Robin Haubrich

Mr. Howell called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

Ethan Belair spoke to the Board and the Conservation Commission about the Emerald Ash Borer that is present in Francestown. He recommends having a plan for how to deal with the inevitable death of the Ash trees which become brittle and prone to drop branches when they are dead. Betsy Hardwick suggested identifying the Ash trees that are on Town properties and in high risk areas and make them a priority. Ms. Arnold suggested we contact Eversource, who is planning on doing some cutting to see if they would have a different approach knowing that we have Emerald Ash Borer present. Tree removal can be very risky so Mr. Belair recommends using professionals. Kelly Marshal requested the Town provide a list of Town properties and areas that the Town is responsible for such as the playgrounds and ball fields. Mr. Belair recommends having a firewood program, since the Ash has good value in burning and that will also keep the wood in Town. Mr. Kunhardt recommended coming up with a rough count between now and next winter so we can go into Town Meeting next year with a proposal of annual removal of Ash trees either as a warrant or part of the operating budget.

Ms. Hardwick alerted the BOS that there has been a lot of camp fire and littering activity in the Shattuck Pond Town Forest.

### Consent Agenda

- a. Check Manifest dated 07/23/2019
- b. Zoning Permit, Ron Shattuck, Map 3 Lot 17-shed
- c. Recreation Trust Fund Donation Acceptance \$8.44

A motion was made by Mr. Kunhardt and seconded by Mr. Howell to approve the consent agenda dated 7/22/19. **Motion passes.**

A motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Howell to approve the minutes of May 13th, June 17<sup>th</sup>, June 24<sup>th</sup>, and July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019. **Motion passes**

Ms. Arnold made a motion to approve the workplace pet policy as drafted by Mr. Howell, seconded by Mr. Howell. Mr. Kunhardt voted no. **Motion passes**

Mr. Kunhardt addressed the issues he saw at the mill pond in response to the complaint from Pat Krueger. He suggested that the railing post at either end of the dam could use some attention. There are saplings and brush on the dam that should be removed and the embankment should be weed whacked. Ms. Arnold suggested that we ask Warren Kiblin to fix railing posts. Ms. Arnold suggested that we need a handicapped parking sign to conform with the requirements of the Federal grant that was used to repair the dam.

The Town line signs are due to arrive the second week of August. Mr. Kunhardt was approved to work with Highway Department to construct frames for one sign.

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(d) at 6:30 pm. Howell, Aye; Kunhardt, Aye; Arnold, Aye **Motion passes.**

Others Present: AA Kim Dalley

A motion was made by Mr. Kunhardt and seconded by Ms. Arnold to exit the non-public session at 7:15 pm. **Motion passes unanimously.**

A motion was made by Mr. Kunhardt and seconded by Ms. Arnold to seal the minutes because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would render a proposed action ineffective. Howell, Aye; Kunhardt, Aye; Arnold, Aye **Motion passes**

Being no further business, Mr. Howell adjourned the meeting at 7:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Dalley

Approved 8/14/19