

# Town of Francestown

Board of Selectmen

Minutes of Meeting

Monday, June 4, 2018

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

Other Present: Town Administrator Jamie A Pike, Admin Asst. Kim Dalley, Greg Neilley, Deb Rogers, Jan Hicks, Carol Brock, Elizabeth Lavalley, Paul Lawrence, Robin Haubrich, Ethel MacStubbs and Polly Freese

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

Paul Lawrence, Library Trustee, came to the Board with issues currently facing the Library. Carpenter ants were discovered in the sills during the window restoration. It was determined that Mr. Pike would arrange to have JP Pests come and evaluate the situation, and examine the grub infested front lawn at the Library while they were there. Mr. Lawrence went on to explain that the bricks and mortar on the back North facing side of the Library were in need of attention. Mr. Pike was directed to contact Tony Ludwig for an evaluation of the condition of the mortar and offer suggestions on how to proceed. Carol Brock's suggestion that the two donated Adirondack chairs would look nice in front of the Library was met with approval. Robin Haubrich was given permission to remove the invasive Barberry from the town land between the Library and the Village Store.

Greg Neilley, on behalf of the Francestown Land Trust, asked for the Board's support in acquiring an agricultural easement for the 45 acre parcel belonging to Robert Abbott. FLT is applying for an LCHIP grant to assist in the purchase and it was felt that having the Board's support would carry some weight with LCHIP. The consensus of the Board was to support the purchase and have Mr. Pike write a letter to that effect.

EB MacStubbs asked for the Board's consent to use the horse sheds and put up signs for the town wide yard sale sponsored by the Community Church on June 9<sup>th</sup>. It was granted.

## **Consent Agenda**

- a. Check Manifest dated 06/05/2018
- b. Heritage Fund Donation Acceptance - \$20
- c. Heritage Fund Donation Acceptance - \$5,000
- d. Recreation Fund Donation Acceptance - \$72
- e. Intent to Cut – Map 8 Lot 2 – Beverly Abbott, Old Tpke Rd.
- f. Driveway Permit – Map 3 Lot 36 – Dan Charbonneau, Woodward Hill Rd.
- g. Building Permit – Map 8 Lot 82 – David Hamlin, Detached garage
- h. Timber Grading & Tax Warrant
  - i. Map 1 Lot 12 – Beverly Abbott - \$533.54
  - ii. Map 8 Lots 93, 93-1, 93-2 – Aiquin Zhang - \$3,422.73

- iii. Map 9 Lot 11 – Gregory & Comfort Cope - \$733.21
- i. Abatement Application – Eversource Energy –DENIED
- j. Public Assistance Lien Discharge – Map 7 Lots 16 & 17
- k. Approval of Minutes as Amended: 03/12/18; 04/02/18; 04/23/18

A motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Kunhardt to approve the Consent Agenda. **Motion Passes**

The New Boston Farmers' Market sign request for Thursday to Saturday from June 9<sup>th</sup> through October 6<sup>th</sup> was approved.

The Board appointed Kaela Law to the Recreation Commission. The Board agreed to the request from Karen Fitzgerald to reimburse Ms. Law for her power cord on the computer she uses for Planning Board minutes.

Deb Adams proposed refinishing the Town Hall benches at an estimated cost of \$1,700 per bench. The Board, while appreciating Ms. Adams efforts, felt the proposed method was not consistent with previous information. It was felt the benches should only be repaired and left in their unfinished state. Ms. Adams also inventoried the chairs that currently reside in the horse sheds for usability in the Town Hall. The Board will revisit the chair request at a later time.

Mr. Kunhardt raised the need for better lighting in the Town Hall. He experienced difficulty in counting ballots due to the low wattage of the existing fixtures. He also suggested infilling the two front basement windows with brick as a solution to the insulation issues with these openings. Tony Ludwig has provided an estimate of \$1,200. Mr. Pike will take pictures and submit to LCHIP for approval. The Town Hall kitchen was discussed and Mr. Pike is to check with Sarah Pyle about the table that was removed. Any other action regarding the kitchen will wait until later.

A motion was made by Mr. Howell and seconded by Ms. Arnold to enter into a nonpublic session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II(a) at 6:55 PM. Mr. Howell, Aye; Kunhardt, Aye; Arnold, Aye **Motion passes.**

Continued discussion on Town Administrator's performance evaluation.

A motion was made by Mr. Howell and seconded by Ms. Arnold to leave the nonpublic session at 7:45pm. Howell, Aye; Kunhardt, Aye; Arnold, Aye **Motion passes.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved on 06.25.2018

Kim Dalley

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Brad Howell

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Abigail Arnold

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Henry Kunhardt