

Town of Francestown

Board of Selectmen

Minutes of Meeting

Monday, July 16 2018

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

Other Present: Town Administrator Jamie A Pike, Admin Asst. Kim Dalley, Betsy Hardwick, John Byatt and Jamie French from Fuss & O'Neill, Road Agent Gary Paige and Polly Freese

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

John Byatt introduced Jamie French, who will be his successor on the South New Boston Rd. bridge project, followed by an update and a time line for the design phase and construction phase of the project. They still have to obtain easements from affected landowners. Ms. Hardwick suggested Town Counsel be consulted on the easement needed from the Conservation Commission to insure it's done properly.

A motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Howell to enter into a non-public session at 6:05pm pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(a). Howell, Aye; Arnold, Aye, Kunhardt, Aye **Motion passes.**

A motion was made by Mr. Howell and seconded by Ms. Arnold to exit the non-public session at 6:30 pm **Motion passes unanimously.**

Ms. Arnold made the motion to seal the minutes, seconded by Mr. Howell , because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board. **Motion passes unanimously**

Consent Agenda

- a. Accounts Payable Manifest 07/17/2018
- b. Timber Tax Grading & Warrant – Tom & Dawn Kirlin, Map 6 Lot 56
- c. Unlicensed Dog Warrant
- d. Intents to Cut – Map 3 Lot 96-1 and Map 3 Lot 12
- e. Charitable Property Exemption – FIHS – Map 13 Lots 42,22,7 and Map 5 Lot 86

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

Motion Passes

Mr. Pike presented the quote of \$1,800 provided by Roblee Tree Service for the removal of the Maple behind the Library. The Board discussed the necessity for the decision to remove the tree due to

carpenter ants and the continuous shade from the canopy. It was determined to go ahead with the removal of the tree. Arnold and Howell in favor, Kunhardt against.

The decision was also made to remove the dead tree on the Barr property at the recommendation of the Fire Dept since it potentially threatens access to the fire pond.

Mr. Pike went through the furniture needs of the Police Department. Mr. Pike was able to find a desk, and two interview tables for \$520.36. There was consensus from the Board.

The Board agreed to purchase a sound system for the Town Hall. Mr. Pike was able to find a system for \$769.00.

Mr. Howell revisited the question raised by Deb Adams regarding the refinishing of the Town Hall benches. Ms. Arnold and Mr. Kunhardt want to stay with Mr. Triplett's recommendation to leave them as is with minor repair.

Mr. Tolman questioned the Board on their decision to not pursue the Transportation Alternative Programs. Mr. Howell explained the parameters and project minimums regarding the program. The Board thanked Mr. Tolman for his input.

A motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Howell to enter into a non-public session at 7:00 PM pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(a). Howell, Aye; Arnold, Aye, Kunhardt, Aye **Motion passes.**

A motion was made by Mr. Howell and seconded by Ms. Arnold to exit the non-public session at 7:13 PM **Motion passes unanimously.**

Ms. Arnold made the motion to seal the minutes, seconded by Mr. Howell, because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board. **Motion passes unanimously**

Meeting adjourned 7:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Dalley

Approved 10/1/18

Brad Howell

Abigail Arnold

Henry Kunhardt