

Town of Franchestown

Board of Selectmen

Minutes of Meeting

Monday, January 20, 2020

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

Others Present: Town Admin. Jamie A Pike, Admin. Assist Barbara Walker, and Pam Finnell

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

Tax Collector, Pam Finnell presented the pros and cons of utilizing the courier service now being offered by TD Bank. Pam has decided to try out the service and will begin on Monday, Feb 3rd.

Ms. Finnell also discussed the scheduling of the lien and deeding dates. There is an option to save some funds by waiting until after June 15th to execute the lien but this makes future tax deeding tight on timing. The Board requested that the lien and deed dates follow the historical April/June schedule.

A motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Howell to enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3,II (a) at 5:45pm. Howell, Aye; Arnold, Aye; Kunhardt, Aye. **Motion passes.**

At 6:00pm a motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Howell to exit the non-public session.

Motion passes unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Kunhardt to seal the minutes of the non-public session until April 1, 2020. Howell, Aye; Arnold, Aye; Kunhardt, Aye. **Motion passes.**

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

- a. Check Manifest dated 1/21/2020
- b. Fire & Rescue Trust Fund Donation Acceptance - \$100.00
- c. Approval of Minutes (As amended) for Dec. 30, 2019 & Jan. 6, 2020

A motion was made by Mr. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Howell to relinquish the ski slope easement of Map 8 Lot 16-2 conditioned upon the contemporaneous execution of the Lot Line Adjustment between Map 8 Lot 16-2 and Map 8 lot 119 and the execution of the deed transferring ownership of Map 8 Lot 16-2 to Mountain Maintenance. **Motion passes.**

The Board signed the beach lease at Scobie Pond for a 5 year term at \$4,000 per year.

The Board reviewed the 2020 draft budget, after lengthy discussion about certain increases and decreases to various line items, a net decrease of \$11,200 was accomplished.

The Board agreed to add a \$3,000 appropriation to the Legal and Public Assistance fund to be funded by unassigned fund balance.

The Board voted to add \$50,000 to the Eversource Abatement reserve for the purpose of the remaining cases.

Mr. Kunhardt suggested a release of the conservation easement for the South New Boston Bridge. This way there was a recorded document memorializing the release. A release will be drafted for review by counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Walker

Approved 02.10.2020