

The Planning Board  
Town of Frankestown, NH  
Minutes  
October 30, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

**Members Present:** Chairman, Karen Fitzgerald, Sarah Pyle, Linda Kunhardt, Robert Lindgren, Selectmen Representative Abigail Arnold, Alternate Tom Anderson (not sitting in as a voting member) **Members Absent:** Alternate Lisa Heath, Gerri Bernstein, Betsy Hardwick **In attendance:** Judi Miller, Charlie Pyle, Stewart Brock, Police Mike Dowd, Selectman Henry Kunhardt, Town Administrator Jamie Pike, Fire Chief Larry Kullgren, Gary Paige, minutes clerk Kaela Law

**CIP – Police Department:** Two police cruisers. Replacement in 2021 at 80,000 miles for **\$52,000**. Replacement in 2024, may include new computer hardware to be compatible with the make of the vehicle.

**Highway Department:** 2020 replacement of the 6-wheel dump truck for **\$215,000**. 2022 and 2023 replacement of 10-wheel dump trucks for **\$300,000 for each year**. Replacement of 1 ton dump truck in 2024 for **\$75,000**. Unknown 2025 **\$255,000** will have to be double checked. Gary Paige stated that to pass inspection the past two years cost \$9000.00 and \$4500 respectively. The year of the vehicle is a 2006. The rear axel is cracked and has been welded. Next year will be the end of 4-year project of Bible Hill Rd. Discussion ensued regarding maintenance funding and reconstruction funding. Road committee will need to have a meeting to discuss the next Reconstruction project. Highway Department has 26 miles of pavement with a crack sealing program and a shim and overlay program. Pavement preservation to be done on the town's best roads. Requested increase in the budget for maintenance. To overlay the Turnpike with the current budget would take 6 years and the other projects would lag behind. Resurfacing the Turnpike in a 2-year project would get the better for asphalt and paving prices. Red House Rd will begin after the 2-year Turnpike project. Discussion ensued regarding the tri-town landfill funding. Frankestown owns 20% of the old tri-town landfill in Bennington, but have exceeded the allowance of taking gravel out. Frankestown is way ahead of what the other towns have taken out. We are reaching 20% of the total volume of phase 1. Antrim and Bennington are owed money as a result. Bennington has 15 miles of road and only 2 are gravel. Antrim has their own sand pit, so they are taking out just gravel. To begin a capital reserve item to fund this. Selectmen and Planning Board recommended. **\$1000** as a place holder in the reserve, to start up an expendable trust. There was a discussion to have an assessment on the value of the dirt in the ground between the three towns a few years ago, however Greenfield and Bennington backed out of getting it evaluated. **Motion:** (Kunhardt/Pyle) Recommend to Board

of Selectmen to initiate an expendable trust to cover expenses for tri-town contract considerations. **Vote:** 5-0-0 the motion carries. Bridge update – South New Boston 2020. Russell Station Rd is pending for 2026 or after. Large diameter culverts on School House rd need to be addressed. 9 foot elliptical culvert priced at \$250,000. This is shy of a “bridge” by about a foot. Putting in a new bridge is an alternative. Supporting the road during the project is an expense. Half of the stream crossing is in the state highway’s right of way and the state will have a say in how the project proceeds which is also an expense. Reed Rd culvert needs to be addressed.

**General Government Buildings:** 2020 Horse Sheds **\$7000** Town Hall Roof **\$50,000** (horse shed roofs might be done at the same time) Police Station Parking Lot ear-marked **\$10,000** estimate pending project scope. Fire station doors are deteriorating and will need to be addressed. Likely to be replaced with insulated steel doors. 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration request a **\$10,000** budget 2020. “Social capital” to build a sense of community. Digitizing town documents will be addressed in the future. Town Administrator is looking into grants to help fund this.

Meeting adjourned 8:00pm

Next meeting is November 19, 2019.