Town of Francestown Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting Monday November 18, 2019

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

Others Present: TA Jamie A Pike and TAA Barbara Walker, Betsy Hardwick-Conservation Commission

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

Betsy Hardwick from the Conservation Commission was present with multiple issues to share with the board of selectmen.

-An update was given on the ash trees that pose potential hazards, specifically behind the horse shed, town barn and library.

-Betsy requested permission for the Conservation Commission to be the primary holder of a deed restriction on the Connard property owned by FLT. The Board agreed.

-Betsy also brought to the boards attention that there may have been some ATV activity on some of the town land trails, specifically the Scotts trail had been found to have recent cutting with a chainsaw. -A brief account was given regarding the Campbell Hill Road potential for additional bike parking. The commission is working with forester on the subject.

A motion to accept the consent agenda was made by Mr. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Howell. Motion passes.

Consent Agenda

- a. Check Manifest dated 11/19/2019
- b. Abatements (Due to system error)
 - i. Map 6 Lot 67, Parker, \$5,697
 - ii. Map 8 Lot 41, Duval-Lundgren, \$4,302
 - iii. Map 8 Lot 47-2, Fed. Nat'l, Mtg. Assoc. \$4,438
- c. Supplemental Tax Warrant
 - i. Map 6 Lot 67, Taylor, \$5,697
 - ii. Map 8 Lot 41, Belanger-Doty, \$4,302
 - iii. Map 8 Lot 47-2, Stapleton-Titus. \$4,438

Discussions followed regarding the Tri-town meeting. Mr. Kunhardt agreed to serve as the town's representative on a committee to review the Tri-town agreement. Each Board was asked to send recommended changes to the agreement review committee meeting on Dec 11, 2019.

Eversource needs permission to cut trees on Route 136 South of Reid Road in a swamp on town owned land and a large maple on the corner of Russel Station & 2nd NH Turnpike. The property may be part of a scenic road. Mr. Kunhardt will make a point to go look at it for determination. The Highway Department heating is malfunctioning and a recommendation to replace was made by Precision Temperature Control. The board agreed to move forward with the replacement if the cost was kept at \$5,000.00 or less.

Mr. Pike briefed the board on a meeting he had attended at the elementary school for the purpose of involvement in the Community Connections program.

A motion was made by Mr. Howell and seconded by Ms. Arnold to enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(d) at 6:22 pm. Mr. Howell, Aye; Mr. Kunhardt, Aye; Ms. Arnold, Aye. Motion passes.

The Board discussed the 2 easements the Town owns on Map 8 Lot 16-2. A meeting with Earl Sandford will be requested for Friday, November 22nd.

A motion was made by Mr. Kunhardt and seconded by Ms. Arnold to exit the non-public session at 6:47 pm. Motion passes unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Kunhardt and seconded by Mr. Howell to enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (b) at 6:48pm. Mr. Howell, Aye; Mr. Kunhardt, Aye; Ms. Arnold, Aye. Motion passes.

The Board discussed potential candidates for the Recreation Director position.

A motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Howell to exit the non-public session at 6:56pm. Motion passes unanimously.

There being nothing further to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Approved 12/9/19

Barbara Walker