

Town of Francestown

Select Board

Minutes of Meeting

Monday, March 18, 2024

Select Board Members present: Chair Scot D Heath, Charles M. Pyle, III, and Karen Fitzgerald

Others present: Town Admin. Jamie Pike; Admin. Asst. Monica Harrington; Gary Paige, Susan Kane

Chairman Heath called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Pyle to appoint Mr. Heath as Chair of the Select Board and was seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald.

Motion passes.

Mr. Pyle volunteered to be the Select Board representative of the ConVal Selectmen's Advisory Committee.

Mr. Heath volunteered to be the Select Board Ex-officio for the Planning Board.

The BOS will need to participate in the new Feasibility Study Committee. Mr. Pike will draft a letter for the Board to the ConVal Superintendent and Mr. Heath will ask Mr. Ravalico if he would be willing to join the committee. Mr. Pike will ask Town Counsel if the BOS member has to be an active member.

Bid Awards

Highway Department – Gary Paige

2024 Asphalt Bids, Brox \$118/ton, Advanced \$92.10/ton

A motion was made by Mr. Pyle to approve the Advanced Bid at \$92.10/ton and was seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald.

Motion passes.

2024 1-Ton Replacement Bids– Gary Paige

2024 Ford F-550 \$60,396 (with stock tires) and 2024 Dodge RAM 5500 \$63,515 (w/ traction tires)

A motion was made by Mr. Heath to approve the Dodge Bid at \$63,515 and was seconded by Mr. Pyle. **Motion passes.**

Outfit the 1-Ton, HP Fairfield \$44,760

A motion was made by Mr. Heath to approve the HP Fairfield Bid of \$44,760, not to exceed, and was seconded by Mr. Pyle. **Motion passes.**

Police Station Repairs – Jamie Pike

Gutter Installation - \$4,199 Adam Vaillancourt Roofing

Carpet Replacement - \$3,750 Cardoza Flooring

A motion was made by Mr. Pyle to approve the Adam Vaillancourt Roofing \$4,100 & Cardoza Flooring \$3,750 bids and was seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald. **Motion passes.**

Police Cruiser Replacement - \$59,249.15 MHQ including transfer of equipment from present cruiser

A motion was made by Mr. Pyle to approve the MHQ Cruiser bid of \$59,249.15 and was seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald.

Motion passes.

Town Office Tree Removal - \$2,500 Andrew Grant's Tree Service – Ash tree at end of driveway and nearby cherry tree

A motion was made by Ms. Fitzgerald to approve the Andrew Grant's Tree Service \$2,500 bid and was seconded by Mr. Pyle. **Motion passes.**

Consent Agenda

1. Check Manifest dated 03.19.2024
2. Driveway Permit – Map 3 Lot 41 – Rosswaag
3. Donation Acceptance - Coffeehouse Cash Donations - \$215
4. Grant Acceptance – Employee Wellness - \$500
5. MS-232 – Report of Appropriations Actually Voted

A motion was made by Mr. Pyle to approve the Consent Agenda and was seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald. **Motion passes.**

New Business

PSNH v. Town of Frankestown – Mediation May 20-22 – The 2017, 2018, & 2019 cases are being heard. Mr. Pyle will be the Town Representative for the mediation. Mr. Pike will also attend.

Tree Removal at Hooper's triangle – About 20 years ago, Eversource directed the planting of 2 maple trees at Hooper's triangle. Now, Eversource wants to remove them due to the change in telephone poles and replace with flowering dogwood trees. BOS is in agreement with removal of maple trees and Ms. Fitzgerald may recommend a different species for planting.

A motion was made by Mr. Pyle to re-appointment Sue Jonas to the Zoning Board of Adjustment and was seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald. **Motion passes.**

A motion was made by Mr. Pyle to approve the appointments of Polly Freese and Meghan Hardwick as Alternates to the Cemetery Committee and was seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald. **Motion passes.**

Ballot Counter Demonstrations – VotingWorks vs. Dominion

Mr. Pike recommends that demonstrations from both companies be provided to the Town via Public Forums and will schedule such.

Charitable Tax Exemption – FIHS – Map/Lot: 5/86 (Rec Fields), 13/7 (FIHS Park) & 13/42 (Beehive)

A motion was made by Mr. Heath to approve the Charitable Tax Exemptions for Map and Lots 5/86, 13/7, and 13/42 and was seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald. **Motion passes.**

Project Updates

Waste Disposal Commission is working on a new pamphlet with new Transfer Station Permit stickers which will go live on May 1st.

Trex Recycling Campaign Challenge – If the Town saves 1000# of plastic bags in 12 months, then it will receive a free Trex bench. The program will include 3 drop-off bins and it will be marketed soon.

Community Power – The Article 9 passed at Town Meeting, Mr. Levine and Mr. Pike will discuss steps to move forward.

Non-Public Session RSA 91-A:3, II(c) – A motion was made by Mr. Heath and seconded by Mr. Pyle to enter into a nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(c) at 6:20 pm. Heath, Aye; Pyle, Aye; Fitzgerald, Aye. **Motion passes.**

The Board discussed of the minutes from 01/29/2024.

No action taken

A motion was made by Mr. Pyle and seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald to exit the nonpublic session at 6:25 pm. **Motion passes unanimously.**

Being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Heath and seconded by Mr. Pyle to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 pm. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Harrington

Approved 04.08.2024