

# Town of Franchestown

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Minutes of Meeting

Monday, May 18, 2020

Members Present: Acting Chair Henry Kunhardt and Marsha Dixon

Others Present: Town Amin. Jamie A Pike and Michael Tartalis

Acting Chair Kunhardt called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Mr. Kunhardt opened the public hearing pursuant to RSA 31:95-b for the purposes of hearing public testimony on the acceptance and expenditure of funds from the Federal CARES Act and the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) up to and not exceeding \$37,397 from the CARES Municipal Relief Funds and up to and not exceeding \$30,500 from the First Responder COVID-19 Stipend Funds.

Mr. Pike detailed those expenses that the Town has already incurred and put forth a list of anticipated expenses such as signage for the farmers' market and beach, along with technology needs for the Fire Department and thorough cleaning of town buildings.

A motion was made by Ms. Dixon and seconded by Mr. Kunhardt to accept and authorize the expenditure of up to \$37,397 from the CARES Municipal Relief Fund and up to \$30,500 from the First Responder COVID-19 Stipend Fund.

Mr. Tartalis asked if funds are available to support increased expenses related to the elections. It was explained that the funds can be used for that purpose.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

A motion was made by Mr. Kunhardt and seconded by Ms. Dixon to authorize Jamie A Pike as the designated signing authority to execute any documents related to the GOFERR agreement. **Motion passes.**

A motion was made by Mr. Kunhardt and seconded by Ms. Dixon to approve the consent agenda as presented. **Motion passes.**

- a. Check Manifest dated 05/19/2020
- b. Property Tax Warrant Issuance - \$2,593,722
- c. Pole License Approval – Bennington Road

- d. Donation Acceptance – Thulander Museum Trust - \$50
- e. Donation Acceptance – Conservation Fund - \$400
- f. CRF Disbursement Request - \$41,932.40 Road Improvements
- g. Intent to Cut – Ruediger Flik – Map 3 Lot 11-6
- h. Timber Tax Warrant – David Munson – Map 6 Lot 37 - \$2,914.57
- i. Timber Tax Warrant – Bill Monaco – Map 14 Lot 27 - \$821.59
- j. Timber Tax Warrant – Jack Hopfenspirger – Map 6 Lot 32 - \$327.15

A motion was made by Mr. Kunhardt and seconded by Ms. Dixon to appoint Don Shuffleton to the Conservation Commission for a 3 year term and Judi Miller to the ZBA for a 3 year term. **Motion passes.**

The Board discussed the operations of the Heritage Museum at the request of Bill McAuley. Mr. McAuley presented two options 1) to open the museum to families by appointment only or 2) keep the museum closed until it is deemed safe to open. From the Governor's Orders it was determined that museums are to remain closed during the Stay-At-Home Order.

The Board discussed beach operations for the summer. The current plan is to not have lifeguards and place signage requiring proper social distancing and require self-monitoring, and carry-in and carry-out for trash and other items. It was also decided to remove the diving float from the property.

Ms. Dixon discussed planting a row of hedges behind the bulletin board at the Library. No decisions were made.

It was decided to allow the ConVal signs remain on the common through Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> for the graduating 4<sup>th</sup> grade class.

Other items discussed were the issue of target shooting on the mountain and restricting access to town forest lands.

Mr. Tartalis informed the Board that there was a tree blocking Shattuck Pond Road.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie A Pike

Approved June 29, 2020