

Town of Franchestown
Select Board
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, October 5, 2020

Members Present: Chairman Henry Kunhardt, Brad Howell and Marsha Dixon

Other Present: Town Administrator Jamie A Pike, Admin Asst. Kim Dalley, Charlie Pyle, Stewart Brock, Judy Miller, Tom Anderson, John Thalhauser, Dawn Kirlin, Mike Beisang and Kevin Pobst

Chairman Kunhardt called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

Kevin Pobst, as the school board rep, to discuss the request from the school district for unused funds from the Town's GOFERR grant to cover expenses not reimbursed by FEMA. The Selectmen will decide after hearing from the School Board what expenses were incurred between 9/1/20 and 10/15/20.

Dawn Kirlin and Mike Beisang were present to discuss Halloween this year. All felt that it would not be wise to host the traditional Halloween block party and trick or treating. The Board later in the meeting decided to not host the traditional events and to not close Main Street.

Mr. Pike gave an overview of the 2020 budget. This year we expect to be under budget by approximately \$140,000 at year end, primarily due to Covid. Funds from the Highway Block Grant, Room and Meals and other revenues are expected to be down in 2021. The Board will direct Town Departments to cut 2% out of their budgets.

Consent Agenda

- a. Check Manifest dated 10.06.2020
- b. Public Assistance Lien Discharge.
- c. Election Warrant

A motion was made by Mr. Howell and seconded by Ms. Dixon to approve the Consent Agenda. **Motion Passes**

The Board addressed Building Permit Application amendments and the consensus was to approve the latest version of the application with minor format changes.

The Town Hall Use Policy was discussed and Mr. Howell moved that the dates for the Energy Consumption Fee be effective from 10/15 to 4/15, seconded by Mr. Kunhardt. **Motion Passes**

After much discussion Ms. Dixon made a motion that the Town will waive the cleaning deposit and insurance requirement for Franchestown Academy Trustees meetings, seconded by Mr. Howell. **Motion Passes**

Mr. Kunhardt is to notify the Franchestown Academy of the decision and to inform them that the Town Hall is closed for 2020.

The Board approved Karen Fitzgerald's proposal for Police Department planting at an approximate cost of \$700.

If paving is not complete on South New Boston Bridge, Cold River Bridges will surface it temporarily to ensure use through the winter and finalize it in the spring.

Mr. Kunhardt suggested that Grace Electric return to fix the generator setup at the Police Dept. and to perform other miscellaneous electrical repair work on other buildings. The Board approved by consensus.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Dalley

Approved 11/2/20