

Francestown Select Board

Minutes of Meeting

Monday, April 27, 2020

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

Others Present: Town Admin. Jamie A Pike, Jim Bosman, and Dawn Kirlin (by telephone)

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

Representative Bosman was present to speak to the revenue shortfalls at the State level and the possible impacts to municipalities.

Ms. Kirlin, by telephone, discussed the opening if the Farmers' Market. She would prefer to open mid-May. The Board will review the impacts over the next week before making a decision.

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

- a. Check manifest dated 04.28.2020
- b. Capital Reserve Fund Disbursement Requests
 - a. Town Facilities - \$4,701
 - b. Town Roads - \$31,450.50

Mr. Pike stated that he had looked into a TAN to maintain cash flow. The State is looking into developing a municipal liquidity fund through the Bond Bank. Details should be available in a few weeks.

The Board discussed the South New Boston Road Bridge project. Final design approval had been granted by the State. If the project was delayed, the engineer stated that it may be a few years before the bridge could get on the schedule within the State Aid Bridge Program. The engineer felt it best to go to bid. Mr. Pike feels it is time to go to bid, as when the contract is awarded the state will reimburse the town for design fees and front ½ of the contract price. This may alleviate the Town's potential cash flow problems. A motion was made by Ms. Dixon and seconded by Mr. Kunhardt to put the project out to Bid. **Motion passes.**

The Board discussed the wearing of masks by the Transfer Station Attendants. At this time masks will be provided, but no further mandates.

The Board reviewed abatement applications:

Marx: Timber Tax Abatement, approved by consent

Crooker: A motion was made by Mr. Kunhardt and seconded by Ms. Dixon to approve the abatement as recommended.

Hamilton: A motion was made by Mr. Kunhardt and seconded by Ms. Dixon to approve the abatement as recommended.

Zhou: approved by consent

A motion was made by Mr. Kunhardt and seconded by Mr. Howell to accept the assessor's recommendation on the following abatement applications. **Motion passes.**

1. Forand; denied
2. Jones; denied
3. Blomberg; denied
4. Clark; denied
5. Tovey; denied
6. Jackman; denied

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:11pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie A Pike

Approved 7/20/2020