Town of Francestown

Select Board Minutes of Meeting Monday, June 29, 2020

Members Present: Chairman Henry Kunhardt and Marsha Dixon

Others Present: Town Admin, Jamie A Pike

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

The Board, by consent, approved the check manifest dated 06.30.2020.

The Board, by consent, approved a timber tax warrant in the amount of \$91.70 to Map 2 Lot 24.

The Board, by consent, approved 1-year contracts for Chief Dowd and Jamie Pike.

Mr. Pike asked the Board to consider widely advertising for new police officers. The department has been short staffed for some time. Knowing the available pool of applicants is small, it was decided to advertise in the Union Leader, the Monadnock Ledger and through the Police Academy.

Mr. Pike provided the Board with a brief update on the handling of the upcoming election on September 8th. All registered voters will be mailed an application for absentee ballot which will also include a cover letter detailing the options for voting this year. Mr. Pike also requested authorization to order 10 shields. Mr. Kunhardt suggested contacting Edmund's Hardware to see what they could produce.

The Board received an email regarding a citizen's experience at the Transfer Station with another resident who was not abiding by the rules of the recycling shed. It was decided to issue a statement on the importance practicing social distancing and the use of face coverings. It was also decided to place a container of masks at the Transfer Station for the use of the patrons.

There have been many comments regarding the condition of the beach. Persons are leaving trash etc. along the beach and surrounding area. It was decided to have Mr. Kiblin clean the beach area 3 times a week.

A motion was made by Mr. Kunhardt and seconded by Ms. Dixon to approve, as amended, the minutes of April 13, May 18, June 12 and June 22. **Motion passes.**

Junkyard Update – Mr. Kunhardt stated he met with Mr. Roberts. There are 2 to 3 jeeps on the property, a pickup and an old Ford. Mr. Roberts stated the jeeps and truck were all registered. The Ford had been a project that he was going to re-condition but just hasn't gotten to. Mr. Kunhardt felt that

Mr. Roberts was not in violation of the junkyard statute or the Town's zoning ordinance. Based on these facts, Ms. Dixon concurred.

Mr. Kunhardt brought forward RSA 236:129 which requires the Select Board to send a copy of the original complaint to the alleged party.

The Board recommended that a letter be sent to Mr. Roberts stating that he was not found to be in violation of the statute or ordinance and to include a copy of the complaint. A copy of such letter will also be sent to the complainant.

Regarding the Pellerin property, Mr. Kendall will be inspecting and inventorying the property this week and will report back to the Board at its next meeting. A copy of the complaints will be forwarded to the Pellerins.

A motion was made by Mr. Kunhardt and seconded by Ms. Dixon to enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(a) at 6:28pm. Kunhardt, Aye; Dixon, Aye **Motion passes.**

The Board discussed employee attendance and returning to work.

A motion was made by Mr. Kunhardt and seconded by Ms. Dixon to exit the non-public session at 6:36pm. Kunhardt, Aye; Dixon, Aye **Motion passes.**

Mr. Kunhardt adjourned the meeting at 6:37pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie A Pike

Approved 7/20/2020