

Town of Franchestown
Select Board
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, July 20th, 2020

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

Other Present: Town Administrator Jamie A Pike, Admin Asst. Kim Dalley, and Abigail Arnold

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

Consent Agenda

- a. Check Manifest dated 07.21.2020
- b. Driveway Permit – Chad & Debra Mills, Map 2 Lot 2
- c. Solar Energy System Exemption – Thomas & Margaret Merrow, Map 9 Lot 27
- d. Conservation Restriction Assessment – Samantha & Kevin Verratti, Map 3 Lot 73
- e. Thulander Museum Trust Fund Donations Acceptance - \$170.00
- f. Capital Reserve Disbursement Request-Road Improvements-\$236,009.94

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

The Board unanimously decided the town will not be using the PA-28 Form in 2021.

Mr. Pike raised the question of establishing a Police Department Trust Fund in response to a resident's request to make a donation directly to the PD. It was determined that a Trust Fund for the PD was inappropriate but agreed that Mr. Pike could suggest this individual purchase a needed item to gift to the PD.

Currently eight properties are eligible for Tax Deeding. Payment deadline is August 11th and Pam Finnell, Tax Collector, will meet with the Board on August 10th with her recommendations for accepting or declining. Mr. Pike has sent out two courtesy reminder letters to residents that are up for tax deeding.

John Kendall, Building Inspector, updated the Board on his findings at the Pellerin property on Old County Rd North. In an attempt to assist with compliance of the Franchestown Zoning Ordinance that "No junk yard or place for storage of discarded machinery, vehicles or other materials shall be established in any district" Mr. Kendall will be visiting the property every Wednesday until things are properly addressed including the removal of junk from the abutting Town lot. Mr. Kendall will draft a letter to Mr. Pellerin outlining what is expected.

The Board asked Mr. Pike to request an update from Mountain Maintenance on the progress with the septic system.

The Bell Tower of the Old Meeting House is in need of an estimated \$15,000 in repairs. The Board decided to ask Larry Kullgren to secure it immediately and save the major repair for next year when it can be planned for financially. Temporary repairs are expected to cost less than \$2,000.

The Board approved the purchase of materials necessary to the repair of the horse sheds but they will seek additional bids on the actual work.

The Board decided the Town Hall will generally not be available to rent until after the November elections.

Ms. Dixon moved to approve the minutes March 9th, 16th, 19th, 23rd, 26th, and 30th, April 6th, 20th, and 27th, May 4th, June 1st, 8th, 15th, and 29th and July 6th.

The Select Board decided not to avail themselves of the Governor's emergency orders authorizing Towns to reduce their budgets at this time.

Meeting adjourned 7:26 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Dalley

Approved 11/2/20