

Town of Francestown

Select Board

Minutes of Meeting

Monday, August 31, 2020

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

Other Present: Town Administrator Jamie A Pike, Admin Asst. Kim Dalley and Larry Laber

Chairman Kunhardt called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM.

Mr. Kunhardt acknowledged Larry Laber in the audience and his interest in reducing the Town's electric bill by eliminating certain street lights and switching to LED. The Board is waiting to hear from Eversource and were unwilling to make any decisions at this point.

A motion was made by Mr. Howell and seconded by Mr. Kunhardt to approve the check manifest.

Motion Passes

A motion was made by Ms. Dixon and seconded by Mr. Howell to apply for the 2021 Exotic Aquatic Plant Control Grant. **Motion Passes**

A motion was made by Ms. Dixon and seconded by Mr. Howell to accept the \$4,500 that was offered to Chief Kullgren for the purchase of the body of the old rescue truck. **Motion Passes**

The Board approved the purchase of nine acrylic election shields for \$1,035.

Mr. Pike will get a quote on the cost of vinyl planks to replace the carpet in the downstairs room of the Town Office.

The Board agreed to provide \$100 hazard pay for poll workers in this year's elections.

The Board denied the Recreation Commission's request to move the Farmer's Market into the Town Hall during cold weather.

The Board agreed to reimburse Dawn Kirlin \$500 out of the Rec Dept's budget for the purchase of fish to stock Bixby Mill Pond.

The Board agreed that the employees who participate in the Town's health insurance shall be reimbursed 20% of this year's surplus return which will be paid to the town.

Mr. Kunhardt updated the Board on the improvements to the town common area with the loaming of the road in front of the Hooper's and the paving of the PD parking lot.

The Board discussed broadband in Francetown and allocating funds from the CARES Act to do a broadband network study. No decision was made and Alfred Eisenberg will present a case for moving forward at the September 14th Selectmen's meeting.

Museum Curator Bill McCauley had spoken to Mr. Pike about using the Highway Dept to move some items at the museum and to move a desk into the basement of the Town Hall. The Board asked that Mr. Pike clarify with Mr. McCauley his intentions for the desk as they don't want the Town Hall to become a storage unit for unwanted items.

The Board discussed the need to revise the Personnel Policy and a time frame for this undertaking.

A motion was made by Mr. Kunhardt and seconded by Mr. Howell to enter into a nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(c) at 6:41 pm. Kunhardt, Aye; Howell, Aye; Dixon, Aye **Motion passes.**

A motion was made by Mr. Kunhardt and seconded by Mr. Howell to exit the non-public session at 6:49 pm. **Motion passes unanimously.**

A motion was made by Mr. Kunhardt and seconded by Mr. Howell to seal the minutes because it was determined that divulgence of this information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board. Kunhardt, Aye; Howell, Aye; Dixon, Aye **Motion passes.**

The Board recessed and reconvened at the Horse Sheds to review items that were left over following the renovation of Town Hall. Contents include wooden chairs and a gas stove. Initial thoughts were to sell the items.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Dalley

Approved 11/2/20