Town of Francestown Select Board Minutes of Meeting Monday, September 14, 2020

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

Other Present: Town Administrator Jamie A Pike, Admin Asst. Kim Dalley, Officer Douglas, Larry Laber, Alfie Eisenberg, John Kendall and Chief Kullgren

Chairman Kunhardt called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM.

Consent Agenda

- a. Check Manifest dated 09.15.2020
- b. Thulander Museum Trust Fund Donation Acceptance \$25.00
- c. Fire & Rescue Trust Fund Donation Acceptances \$105.00
- d. Conservation Fund Donation Acceptance \$65.00
- e. Veteran Credit Approval Christopher Claflin Map 1 Lot 2

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

A motion was made by Mr. Kunhardt and seconded by Mr. Howell to approve the tax appeal settlement proposed by Avitar regarding Connors & Forand. **Motion Passes**

The consensus of the Board was to continue using Rymes as the fuel provider for the 20/21 heating season as they were the lowest bidder.

The Board approved the Recreation Department's request to decorate the Town Common with scarecrows; however, any decisions regarding Halloween activities will be reserved until DHHS provides guidelines at the end of the month.

John Kendall, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement, informed the Board of the continued progress with a junkyard violation on Old County Rd North.

A motion was made by Mr. Kunhardt and seconded by Ms. Dixon to issue a Notice of Violation to Richard Patten regarding the responsibility to remove or rebuild his house that was destroyed by fire. **Motion Passes**

The Board and Mr. Kendall worked on amending the current Building Permit Application Guide and the application and the requirements of the applicants. The changes will be reviewed and finalized at a subsequent meeting. Mr. Kendall also recommended the Board consider adopting a fee for Driveway applications.

Officer Douglas addressed the speeding issues on Main St. and reported that the statistics captured by the radar speed signs do not support the premise that the majority of traffic through town is abusing the speed limit. He explained that other responsibilities of the Department, such as house checks and patrolling the 50+ miles of roads have resulted in fewer accidents and no burglaries in the last three years.

Alfie Eisenberg gave a PowerPoint presentation on the activities of the Broadband Committee and the results of the broadband survey.

Chief Kullgren asked the Board to consider replacing the two old station doors which were installed 35 years ago. The doors would cost \$3,400 each and the openers \$1,200 each. Mr. Kunhardt thought this should be in the CIP and Mr. Howell asked the Chief to check with Mt. Crotched Firefighters Association if they would be willing to help with the purchase.

The Board agreed to remove the flood light directly across from the Fire Department.

Mr. Kunhardt updated the Board on the PD parking lot.

The Board denied two requests for metal detecting in the common areas of the Town center.

The Board discussed and denied the request from Francestown Academy Corp for the waiver of fees for the use of the Town Hall for their annual meeting. (Mr. Kunhardt recused himself from the decision.)

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 8:17 pm. Kunhardt, Aye; Howell, Aye; Dixon, Aye **Motion passes.**

Discussed format of written review and other employee reviews

A motion was made by Mr. Kunhardt and seconded by Mr. Howell to exit the non-public session at 8:30 pm. **Motion passes unanimously.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Dalley

Approved 11/2/20