

**TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN**  
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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**11/30/2016**

Selectmen Present: Chairman Brad Howell, Abigail Arnold and Henry Kunhardt

Also Present: Town Administrator Jamie A Pike and Public Assist. Admin Susan Downs-Cripps

Chairman Howell called the meeting to order at 10:30am.

A motion as made by Mr. Howell and seconded by Ms. Arnold to enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 1-A:3, II(c). Roll Call Vote: Howell, Aye; Arnold, Aye; Kunhardt, Aye. **Motion passes.**

The Board met with Ms. Down-Cripps to discuss the current Public Assistance case load and its impact on the 2017 budget.

A motion was made by Mr. Kunhardt and seconded by Mr. Howell to exit the non-public session.  
**Motion passes.**

A motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Howell to approve 4 invoices submitted for payment. **Motion passes.**

Mr. Howell discussed the Town Hall project and the billing from DEW MacMillin for the pre-construction work. Mr. Howell will contact Mike Bruss to discuss the possibility with MacMillin holding their GMP for construction to begin next year.

Mr. Pike discussed the concerns presented by Chief Douglas regarding the winter maintenance of the state roads by District 4. The Chief would like to put together a meeting between the Town and the District. Mr. Kunhardt will represent the Board of Selectmen. Ms. Arnold suggest that Mr. Kunhardt reach out to the bus company to gather their experience with the roadways during the storm on 11/29.

The Board requested that the Highway Dept install a Class VI road sign at the end of Poor Farm Road near the Cope residence.

Mr. Kunhardt gave a synopsis of the CIP discussion held at the Planning Board meeting on Tuesday evening. It was explained that the Planning Board was not in favor of spending \$100K on the Police Dept building without a better prepared plan. The Planning Board was also not in favor of the backhoe purchase slated for 2018 and recommended additional funding beyond the proposed \$125,000 for the Town Hall project.

The Board discussed the pay rates of experienced part-time police officers of some area towns, and the Board agreed to increase the pay rate for the three experienced officers to \$22/hr effective January 1<sup>st</sup>.

This pay increase is based not only on the experience of the officers but also as an incentive to retain their services.

Mr. Kunhardt met with Elizabeth Lavalley and the Andy Roeper at the Library on Tuesday to review and prioritize the windows that require restoration. Mr. Roeper has agreed to let the Town choose which windows are to be completed. There are a total of 9 windows that are in need of restoration at this time. The Board also directed Mr. Pike to contact Harwood Painting to obtain a price for the painting and minor repair of the remainder of the window openings.

There was discussion of the Town's Sestercentennial. Bill McAuley has expressed interest in assisting with the planning of the event.

Being no further business, Mr. Howell adjourned the meeting at 1:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie A Pike

Approved 12.12.2016

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Brad Howell

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Abigail Arnold

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Henry Kunhardt