

Town of Franchestown

Board of Selectmen

Minutes of Meeting

January 23, 2017

Members Present: Chairman Brad Howell and Abigail Arnold

Others Present: Town Administrator Jamie A Pike and Polly Freese

Chairman Howell called the meeting to order at 5:35pm.

Public Hearing (RSA 31:95-b) – Acceptance of Heritage Fund Donations in excess of \$10,000

Chairman Howell opened the Public Hearing.

The donations for acceptance are as follows:

David Taylor	\$10,000
David Taylor & Susan Sargent	\$10,000
Drew Houston	\$25,000
Cogswell Benevolent Trust	\$10,000

A motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Howell to approve the acceptance of the donations. **Motion passes.**

Other Business:

A motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Howell to approve the Payroll and Accounts Payable Manifest in the amount of \$45,361.32. **Motion passes.**

A motion was made by Mr. Howell and seconded by Ms. Arnold to accept individual donations to the Heritage Fund totaling \$1,060. **Motion passes.**

The Board reviewed a request for a land assessment from the Franchestown Land Trust upon Map 10 Lot 10 as part of an application to LCHIP for a grant towards its purchase. The Board had no knowledge of any solid or hazardous waste or other potential hazards upon the property. Chairman Howell completed and signed the property assessment worksheet.

The Board received a request from NH Fish & Game to use the lower level of the Town Offices to present and Ice Fishing class. The request will be referred to the Conservation Commission and the Recreation Commission as they will need a Town sponsor to use the room.

The Board reviewed a request from Road Agent Gary Paige to remove certain trees and limbs from Woodward Hill Road and Mountain Road. Whereas Woodward Hill Road is a scenic road, the Board determined the trees in question were an imminent threat to safety. The Board granted the request for the removal of 8 trees and 1 overhanging limb.

Mr. Pike brought forward a request to have the sign in front of the Town Offices replaced to represent current information. It is proposed to not put the office hours on the sign and located them at the entrance of the building, as they are more apt to change. The Board was in agreement to have the sign replaced.

The Board reviewed and authorized a letter to Drew Houston thanking him for his generous contribution to the Town Hall restoration project.

The Board reviewed a draft grant submission to the Samuel P Hunt Foundation. Suggestions were made for edits, and Mr. Howell was authorized to revise the application as necessary and submit it on behalf of the Board.

The Board reviewed and executed employment contracts for Chief Fred Douglas and Town Administrator Jamie A Pike. Each of these contracts is through August 30, 2017.

Chief Douglas has submitted a proposal for the elimination of the two department cell phones. Currently each officer is using their own cell phone. The Board requested Mr. Pike to research what other Towns are currently doing.

Ms. Freese asked the Board for an update related to Lakehouse Recovery. Ms. Arnold stated that there is a ZBA hearing upon the appeal scheduled for February 9th.

Being no further business, Chairman Howell adjourned the meeting at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie A Pike

Approved 02.06.2017

Brad Howell, Chair

Abigail Arnold

Henry Kunhardt