Town of Francestown Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting Saturday, February 11, 2017

Selectmen present: Brad Howell, Abigail Arnold, Henry Kunhardt. Others present: Gary Paige, Road Agent; Larry Ames, Planning Board Chair; Chris Danforth; Tom Hoey.

Agenda: Discussion of proposed driveway location for Map 9 / Lot 17-2.

Meeting convened at 10 am at 800 Poor Farm Road.

Road Agent Gary Paige explained his objections to the proposed driveway location, including runoff effects to Poor Farm Road, limited sight distance, the Town's ability to maintain the downslope cross-culvert, and the effects over time of gravity and runoff on the proposed cut and grading on the subject property. Paige noted Poor Farm Road's steep slope and narrow right-of-way at the proposed location.

Danforth presented an alternate driveway plan that had been prepared in conjunction with the 2005 variance request for the subject lot. The alternate driveway location would intersect Poor Farm Road downhill from the proposed location, offering improved sight distance and a shallower road grade on the Town road. Paige prefers the alternate location.

The variances granted in 2005 have not been exercised, but Hoey stated he has been maintaining the performance bond since acquiring the property. The selectmen agreed they were not able to answer questions regarding the variance at this time, but would contact Town Counsel for guidance.

The selectmen briefly discussed the question of fire suppression tanks at the Town Hall reconstruction project and unanimously agreed not to pursue new pricing for exterior buried tanks, as they had already been found to be significantly more expensive several years ago.

Adjourned at approximately 10:40 am.

Respectfully submitted, Henry Kunhardt Selectman

Approved on 02.27.2017

Brad Howell

Abigail Arnold

Henry Kunhardt