

# TOWN OF FRENCHBORO

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Selectboard:  
Eric Best  
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Select Board Meeting  
Minutes  
April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
5:00pm

Attendance:  
Eric Best  
Cody Lunt  
Joe Lunt  
James Wadman  
Sarah Saxby  
Paul Saxby  
Lauren Jennings  
Kirk Emerson  
Mable Lunt  
Alex Zipparo

Meeting called to order at 5:00pm by Eric Best, seconded by Cody Lunt. **Motion Passed.**

- I. Approval of minutes from 4/8/24. Eric Best motions to approve minutes as written, seconded by Cody Lunt. **Motion Passed.**
- II. Old Business
  - a. Annual Audit Discussion – James Wadman was able to attend our meeting and give us more clarity where the town stands both finically and audit wise. Wadman currently has most items needed for the 2022 audit, he will be contact what else he needs as it arises. He is hopeful that the 2022 audit could be completed by the end of July 2024. He said as a town we are currently in good standings for our finances. We have a 57% percent surplus of our annual needs. He recommends towns be at a 10-12% surplus. Our town is slightly different though as of the 2021 audit our surplus is around \$171,000, which in money terms is not that large of an amount. The town must vote to use any surplus for any reason, i.e. reducing taxes. Reserve account money can be used for its intended purposes without needing a town vote. If we want to use reserves for something that it is not intended for that is when a town vote is needed.
  - b. Draft Annual Budget Discussion- The board went through the budget again making small changes. The final budget should be ready to vote on at the next meeting.



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- c. Town Meeting and Annual Report Initial Planning – Sarah Saxby is working with Dan Debord and Daniel Swain to gather information for the report. We will be contacting boards that still need to turn in reports.
- d. Dumpster Rental – The board discussed the need to rent a roll off dumpster for the needs of town residents. Motion by Eric Best to rent a dumpster from Gotts Disposal. seconded by Joe Lunt. **Motion passed.**

## III. New Business

- a. MCHT Trails and Maintenance and New Supplies – Trevor Herrick presented two options for the town to discuss on how to move forward with offering part time work for Frenchboro residents for trail maintenance. Option A would be for the town to be given \$2,000 and for us to administer the paying by an hourly basis. Option B would be for the trust to hire 2-3 part-time seasonal employees. This option means that there would be a hiring process, W-2 forms, and so on like a normal job opening would follow. \$2,000 would still be the max limit for these employees. The board feels that option A would work best. Eric will be following up with Trevor with a few clarifying questions. The board would like confirmation from Daniel Swain for the \$600 check that was promised with the new supplies. There is a meeting tentatively set for May 28<sup>th</sup> to continue conversation about the future relationship between the trust and Frenchboro.
- b. Executive Session- Motion by Joe Lunt to break into executive session, seconded by Eric Best. **Motion Passed.**
- c. Executive Session - Motion by Eric Best to end executive session, seconded by Cody Lunt. **Motion Passed.**

IV. Warrants – Cody Lunt motions to approve the warrants as written, seconded by Eric Best. **Motion Passed.**

V. Mail – nothing to report.

VI. Set Next Meeting – TBD

VII. Eric Best motions to adjourn at 7:14pm, seconded by Joe Lunt. **Motion Passed.**

