

**TOWN OF FRANCONIA**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REGULAR MEETING**  
**Monday, January 8, 2018 AT TOWN OFFICES**

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**TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Bernadette Costa, Jill Brewer, Eric Meth

**TOWN OFFICIALS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Holly Burbank, Jenny Monahan, Fire Chief Rick Gaudette, Peter Grote, Karen Foss, Dawn Steele.

**The meeting was called to order at 3:03pm**

**APPOINTMENTS:**

Fire Chief Rick Gaudette met with the Board regarding the Fire Department's need for replacement of jackets and pants. Rick said that the current jackets and pants, purchased in 2007, are recommended for replacement every ten years. Ideally, the jackets and pants would be replaced for the whole crew but due to costs, Rick is hoping for a two year plan and to outfit the seven indoor firefighters this year and do the same for the remaining crew next year. The Board discussed whether the items could be funded with Capital Improvement funding or funds left over from the Safety Service Building bond. Holly Burbank posed whether it would be wise to replace all expiring jackets and pants at this time to ensure the town is operating under insurance recommendations. The Board will consider these options and revisit the topic.

Eric Meth commended the Fire Department's response time to the broken pipe issue at the Dow building on Wednesday, January 3, 2018.

**SIGN/APPROVE:**

The Board reviewed and approved the January 2, 2018 meeting minutes as amended.

The January 11, 2018 Transaction List was reviewed and signed.

**TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:**

**Town Administrator Update:** Holly proposed the idea of combining the Highway, Buildings and Grounds and Transfer Station Departments to operate under one Director of Public Works. The Board will consider this and revisit.

**Correspondence:** Holly presented a letter to the Board of Selectmen from the Town of Easton regarding Northern Pass survey requirements by DOT. The letter is a follow up to the original letter sent last month to which a response has not yet been received from the DOT.

The Board left the Franconia Town Offices to travel to Sugar Hill Town Hall for the Tri-Town Budget Review at 3:50 pm, arriving at 4:00 pm and returned to Franconia Town Offices at 5:30 pm.

**(See separate minutes for Tri-Town meeting)**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Conservation Commission:** Jill Brewer advised that the town did not get the CMAQ grant for the trail project. She will look for other sources of funding.

**CIP Committee:** None

**Energy Commission:** Karen Foss asked Holly Burbank about insurance for lights. Holly will review an email sent to her by Karen and be in touch. Karen said that the lights were being delivered on January 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Planning Board:** Eric plans to bring Easton's 2017 warrant articles regarding Northern Pass construction to the Planning Board tomorrow for consideration.

**Northern Pass:** Eric's bringing copies of Easton's warrant articles to the Planning Board for consideration.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Peter Grote said Friday January 12<sup>th</sup> is a deadline for Northern Pass briefing and perhaps the "last opportunity to make a statement." Eric Meth will reach out to Christine Fillmore for information on this. Dawn Steele commended Eric for his NP testimony work, referencing a story she saw in the Littleton Courier.

Chairman Meth made a motion to enter non-public session at 5:47pm for personnel discussion.

The Board came out of non-public session at 6:23pm. Bernadette Costa made a motion to seal the minutes of the non-public session. Jill Brewer seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion Passes.**

With no further discussion, the Board adjourned at 6:24pm on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Monahan  
Administrative Secretary