

**TOWN OF FRANCONIA  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 27th, 2020 AT TOWN HALL**

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Eric Meth, Jill Brewer, Jeff Blodgett.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Holly Burbank, Jenny Monahan, Mary Grote, Peter Grote, Karen Foss, Dawn Steele.

**The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm.**

**TO SIGN/APPROVE:**

The December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were approved as amended. The December 16<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved as written.

The January 30<sup>th</sup> transaction list was signed by the Selectmen.

A raffle application for the Secret Sock Society was approved and signed by the Selectmen.

**TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:**

**Tri-Town Board Meeting Schedule:** Chairman Brewer said that after this topic was mentioned at the January 6<sup>th</sup> Tri-Town Meeting, there had been some correspondence with the other board's members regarding the idea of regionalizing some safety services with Sugar Hill and Easton. After a brief discussion, the Board decided to schedule the meeting with Sugar Hill and Easton after Town Meeting Day has passed.

**2020 Warrant & Budget Review:** Town Administrator Burbank gave the Selectmen updated documents for their binders. The Selectmen then reviewed the 2020 Warrant. While discussing the non-profit appropriation requests, they decided to lower the funding amount to \$250.00 for the Bridge House. The budget was reviewed next with little discussion.

The Board also scheduled a meeting for Monday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 pm to meet with Town Moderator Jim Walker.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Selectmen received a letter from Garnet Hill stating their opposition to the decommissioning of the fire hydrants.

Chairman Brewer met with Kathy Lovett to talk about ideas for downtown revitalization. There are typed notes of their meeting that she will send to Holly to disperse to Selectmen Blodgett and Meth.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Cable Consortium:** Selectman Meth spoke with Brian Bresnehan of Annie Kuster's office, who is getting

some information together for Selectman Meth.

**Chamber of Commerce:** No update at this time.

**Conservation Commission:** Met last week but Chairman Brewer was not able to attend so will report back next week.

**Energy Commission:** Met Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>, however the representative from Freedom Energy Logistics was not able to attend as scheduled due to illness. This will be rescheduled. Selectman Meth also said that Jim Fitzpatrick is putting together a petitioned warrant article on behalf of the Energy Commission to establish a fund for energy products.

**Planning Board:** No update at this time.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

Mary Grote asked that the Police Department's new officer hearing be posted on the Peabody and Smith sign.

Peter Grote asked if Legal Counsel could be contacted regarding a case before the ZBA. Chairman Brewer said yes, if needed.

The Board entered non-public session at 3:58pm for reasons of personnel.

The Board left non-public session at 4:14pm.

Chairman Brewer made a motion to accept Town Administrator Burbank's letter of resignation, effective February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Selectman Meth seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:14pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Monahan  
Administrative Secretary