

**TOWN OF FRANCONIA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 28, 2019 AT TOWN HALL**

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 3:05pm.

APPOINTMENTS:

None.

SIGN/APPROVE:

The December 19, 2019 meeting minutes were approved as written and the December 27, 2019 meeting minutes were approved as amended.

The January 31, 2019 Transaction List was reviewed and approved.

Supplemental Tax Warrant: Town Administrator Burbank explained that a home at 84 Morristown Road has not been in the tax rolls since the structure was completed. Avitar Assessing assessed the property and \$6,022 is owed in taxes for 2018. The Board signed the tax warrant.

Abatement Property Taxes: Tax Collector Carol Wills requested a property tax abatement of \$45.69 in interest due to a payment being applied to the property owner's current tax bill rather than a past bill that was still outstanding. The Board approved the abatement.

Letter of Commitment – Pemi Baker Solid Waste District: Nick Altonaga of North Country Council wrote to request the district's Select Board members sign a letter of commitment for the Pemi Baker Solid Waste District's application to the 2019 Household Hazardous Waste Grant. The Board signed the letter.

Septic Permit – Map 31 Lot 33: After reviewing the septic plan, Chairman Brewer made a motion to approve the septic application for Map 31 Lot 33. Selectman Meth seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

Prosecutorial Contract: Town Administrator Burbank let the Board know that she had made the previously agreed upon changes to the contract and returned to the Town of Littleton for review.

TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:

Tax Deeded Property – Map 28 Lot 49 – Deer Pass Road: Town Administrator Burbank said an abutter of this parcel was interested in purchasing it.

Correspondence:

None.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE: Town Administrator Burbank said she has submitted the warrant articles to the Department of Revenue, received their recommended changes and is working on finalizing the articles.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cable Consortium: Selectman Meth said the next meetings are scheduled for February 14th and March 7th.

Chamber of Commerce: Selectman Blodgett said the Chamber has identified two finalists to fill the Marketing/Executive Assistant position and hope to have the position filled within a couple weeks.

Conservation Commission: Chairman Brewer said the next meeting is this evening, and it is a joint meeting with the Profile Trails group and NEMBA (North East Mountain Biking Association.)

Energy Commission: Selectman Meth said the next meeting is February 19th. There has been continued discussion of solar installations and possible areas in town that could support one. The commission is researching drafting an Energy Policy.

Northern Pass: Selectman Meth said Eversource had requested and been granted an increase in the word count for their opening brief by the NH Supreme Court.

Planning Board: None.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Dawn Steele asked for clarification of the Town's employee benefits plan. Town Administrator Burbank confirmed that single employees plan's are 100% paid and for employees that add a beneficiary, the Town pays 75% and the employee pays 25%. She also asked about NH Retirement participation, and Town Administrator Burbank confirmed that all full time employees are required to participate.

The Board entered non-public session at 3:41pm pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(a),II(d).

The Board left non-public session at 4:40pm.

Based on the non-public discussion, Chairman Brewer made a motion to allow Police Chief Mac Cashin to hire another part-time officer due to current staffing issues with the Police Department. Selectman Meth seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

Based on the non-public discussion, Chairman Brewer made a motion to put the tax deeded property Map 28 Lot 49 out to bid with a minimum bid of \$10,000. Selectman Meth seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

After the non-public discussion, the Board signed Town Administrator Burbank's renewed contract.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:42pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Monahan
Administrative Secretary