

**TOWN OF FRANCONIA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2019 AT TOWN HALL**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Holly Burbank, Jenny Monahan, Bob Montagno, Mary Grote, Kim Cowles.

The meeting was called to order at 3:01pm.

APPOINTMENTS:

Kim Cowles re Purchase of Portable Fencing for Recreation Department: Kim said that the Lafayette Recreation Committee has been discussing the idea of purchasing portable fencing for various event needs. They request to use up to \$4000 from their fundraising funds to purchase 300' of the portable fencing.

Chairman Brewer made a motion to allow Lafayette Recreation Committee to spend up to \$4,000 for the purchase of portable fencing. Selectman Meth seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

SIGN/APPROVE:

The January 14, 2019 meeting minutes were approved as amended. The January 14th Tri-Town Budget Review minutes were approved as written, pending the approval of Sugar Hill's and Easton's Select Boards. The January 23, 2019 meeting minutes were approved as written. The January 28, 2019 meeting minutes were approved as amended.

The February 14, 2019 Transaction List was reviewed and approved.

Supplemental Tax Warrant: As previously discussed at the January 28th meeting, a home at 84 Morristown Road has not been in the tax rolls since the structure was completed. After Avitar Associates assessed the property, a supplemental tax warrant was created for \$6,022 for 2018. However, it was discovered that the taxes on the land had been paid, but not the structure. The amount owed was amended to \$4,446. The Board signed the updated tax warrant.

TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:

Franconia Artwalk Cooperative – Third Party Agreement: Bob Montagno provided a third party agreement between the FAC and artists and/or landowners. After discussing some changes to the contract, the Board decided to have the Town's Legal Counsel review the document.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE: Town Administrator Burbank said she received an email from the President of the Mittersill Association inquiring about the status of paving projects there, which he anticipates will be a topic at their upcoming annual meeting. Town Administrator Burbank said paving has been on hold there due to frequent water system updates. Town Administrator Burbank said she will have Scott Leslie talk with Peter Hilton to determine what areas of Mittersill will be undergoing water system projects this year. There is also a question of what section of the road is Town owned and what is State owned.

Correspondence:

Town Administrator Burbank said she had received the letter notifying the Town that Franconia had not been selected for a Transportation Alternatives Program grant.

Town Administrator Burbank also said she had learned that the Sugar Hill Selectmen meet with their Town Moderator prior to Town Meeting to review the warrant articles and perhaps this would be a good idea. It was

agreed that the Board was available on March 4th and Town Administrator Burbank would reach out to Jim Walker to schedule.

It was also discussed that there will be no Board of Selectmen meeting on February 25th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cable Consortium: Selectman Meth said the next meeting is scheduled for February 19th.

Chamber of Commerce: Selectman Blodgett said the next meeting is February 13th.

Conservation Commission: Chairman Brewer said the Commission had their monthly meeting and were joined by ACT (Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust) and NEMBA (North East Mountain Biking Association). They discussed trail projects and fundraising ideas.

Energy Commission: Selectman Meth said the next meeting is February 19th.

Northern Pass: Selectman Meth said Eversource filed their brief with the NH Supreme Court and are taking the position that the NH SEC's decision making process was arbitrary and unreasonable.

Planning Board: Next meeting date has not been confirmed.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Mary Grote requested information regarding the energy savings from the LED streetlights from Town Administrator Burbank.

Bob Montagno asked that the FAC Third Party Agreement be reviewed by Legal Counsel sooner rather than later. After a brief discussion, it was decided that he would make the suggested edits and then the document can be sent to Legal Counsel for review.

Selectman Meth said a resident expressed concern regarding the speed of logging trucks on 116. Selectman Meth will forward the resident's email to Town Administrator Burbank and she will let Chief Cashin know.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:38pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Monahan
Administrative Secretary