

**TOWN OF FRANCONIA**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REGULAR MEETING**

**Tuesday, February 20, 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, Peter Grote, Karen Foss.

**The meeting was called to order at 3:04pm**

**APPOINTMENTS:**

Final Budget Approval (No Public Input)

**SIGN/APPROVE:**

The Board reviewed and approved the February 12, 2018 meeting minutes as amended.

The February 15, 2018 Transaction List was reviewed and signed.

A septic permit for Map 14 Lot 102 was reviewed and approved.

A Timber Tax was approved for Map 17 Lot 161-02.

The Timber Lane - Map 31 Lot 33 building permit that was not approved the week prior due to the Board having questions was revisited and approved.

**TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:**

Holly Burbank advised the Board that Lydia Cumbee had come to the Town Office that day to ask her if any changes had been made to the budget regarding the funds for the website upgrade. Holly said nothing had been changed. Lydia said she that she would motion from the floor to have the funds returned to the budget.

Bernadette Costa said that the current site is adequate and an upgrade can be done next year. Jill Brewer added that Kim Cowles said she could make some changes/improvements to the current site. Selectman Costa suggested that maybe Kim Cowles could outline some changes/improvements for the Board to take a look at. After this discussion the Board decided not to add the \$3000 for a site upgrade back into the budget.

Holly Burbank said that Certified Computer Solutions had stopped in to the office and looked at the server closet in preparation for taking over as the Town's computer services provider. The water will need to be shut off at the sink inside the closet as a precautionary measure, or the sink may be removed.

The Board then reviewed the articles on the warrant and decided which they would recommend. Article 19, requesting funds to replace the barn roof of the Heritage Museum, was discussed. The Board decided that the article would not receive their recommendation as they think it should be in the hands of the voters with no potential sway from their recommendation. Bernadette Costa asked Holly to notify the Heritage Council so they can be prepared to have someone speak to the article at town meeting if they wish.

When the Board began their review of articles 20-36 (non-profit funding requests), Selectman Brewer suggested that perhaps the Board should refrain from endorsing any of the non-profit funding requests to avoid giving the impression that they supported some more than others. It was decided that the Board would not add their recommendation to any of the non-profit funding request articles but would divide the articles among them to speak to at Town Meeting.

Holly gave the Board the letters being sent to the tax deeded property owners for review and signatures. The letters were signed and will be mailed certified this week.

**Town Administrator Update:** Holly said the focus this week is completing the warrant and getting the town report to the printer.

**Correspondence:** None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Conservation Commission:** Jill Brewer said the Conservation Commission met earlier in the day, and Ginny Jeffreys sent a letter to Fish & Game in support of HB1343 (relative to the protection of beavers). Jill also said Governor Sununu is putting forth some changes to wetland rules. There is a public hearing regarding the changes in Lancaster on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Jill said a letter will be drafted in opposition.

**CIP Committee:** None.

**Energy Commission:** None.

**Planning Board:** None.

**Northern Pass:** Chairman Meth read a letter addressed to Governor Sununu from a number of NH lawmakers asking Governor Sununu to support the Granite State Power Link. (The letter is attached to these minutes.)

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Karen Foss inquired if the pay down of the Safety Services Building Bond would incur any prepayment penalties? Holly said she will check with the bank and find out.

With no further discussion, the Board adjourned at 4:16pm on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Monahan  
Administrative Secretary