

**TOWN OF FRANCONIA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 4, 2019 AT TOWN HALL**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Holly Burbank, Jenny Monahan, Peter Grote, Mary Grote, Deb Steele, Bob Montagno.

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

APPOINTMENTS/WORK SESSIONS:

Town Administrator Burbank opened the sole bid received for the tax deeded property on Deer Pass Road. The offer received was from Oakman Enterprises for \$12,500, and included a \$500 deposit check.

Chairman Brewer made a motion to accept the offer of \$12,500 for the tax deeded property on Deer Pass Road (Map 28 Lot 49). Selectman Blodgett seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

SIGN/APPROVE:

The February 6, 2019 meeting minutes were approved as written.

The February 11, 2019 meeting minutes were approved as amended.

The February 13, 2019 Budget Hearing minutes were approved as amended.

The February 14, Budget Workshop minutes were approved as amended.

The March 7, 2019 Transaction List was reviewed and signed.

TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:

Franconia Artwalk Association Art Placement – The FAA has identified some locations for art installations. The Board decided to continue this discussion in non-public session at the end the meeting for legal reasons.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE:

Town Administrator Burbank said she has applied the town for a NH the Beautiful Grant for \$5,000. The funds are specifically for Solid Waste Disposal/Transfer Station purchases.

Dick Reinhold contacted Town Administrator Burbank to praise the work of the Highway Dept., saying in all his years of residency they do the best job he has seen.

Town Administrator Burbank let the Board know that after the removal of the Bickford Hill Bridge Repair

warrant article, the language in a couple articles were not updated with the new article numbers. She said this can be fixed with a motion at Town Meeting.

Town Reports are in and have been placed at the Post Office, Village Store and on the website.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Department of Environmental Services (DES) sent a letter looking for three members of the Planning Board to represent the town on the Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cable Consortium: Selectman Meth said the Consortium did not have an official meeting, but there was discussion about the Consortium cannot merge with Granite North TV per their Legal Counsel.

Chamber of Commerce: Selectman Blodgett said the Chamber hired a Marketing Assistant to work about 15 hours a week. He also said Brenda Aldrich is stepping down as the Lupine Festival organizer.

Conservation Commission: Chairman Brewer said the Commission met February 19th. She said DES approved the work on the dam on Mountain View Road. Also, for compliance with the Borderlands Initiative, a sign or kiosk will be placed at Dow Park with a trail map and trail etiquette information. Rebecca Brown suggested applying to the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant to get a bridge to access the Lawrence property. Rebecca Brown is also working with Angela McShane on the Profile Trail Project and working on getting easements for the whole length of the trail, which Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust would hold. Chris Nicodemus is applying for the NEMBA Trail Grant again and the Conservation Commission will be drafting a letter of support. The next meeting is March 19th at 3pm.

Energy Commission: Met February 19th, discussed creating a Town Energy Policy similar to Littleton's, is looking at how to accomplish 100% renewable energy by 2040, discussed potential solar venues, energy data and how to get Cannon Mountain involved in saving energy.

Northern Pass: None.

Planning Board: Mary Grote said the PB met and discussed the Iron Furnace's added balcony seating and changes to their sewer system.

OTHER DISCUSSION:

Patricia Shaffer would like to donate a bench to the Town in memory of her late husband David Shaffer to be placed in front of Town Hall. The Board approved of the donation.

PUBLIC INPUT:

None.

The Board entered non-public session at 3:38 pm pursuant to RSA 91-A:3,II(I).

The Board left non-public session at 4:18 pm via unanimous voice vote.

Based on the non-public discussion, the Board directed Town Administrator Burbank to have Town Legal

Counsel rewrite the Franconia Artwalk Association's agreement with the recommended changes.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:19 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Monahan
Administrative Secretary