

**TOWN OF FRANCONIA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 9, 2020 AT TOWN HALL**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Jenny Monahan, Peter Grote, Karen Foss, Dawn Steele.

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

TO SIGN/APPROVE:

The meeting minutes of January 6th, 8th and 27th were approved as written. The January 29th meeting minutes were approved as amended.

The March 6th transaction list was signed by the Selectmen.

There were no Appointments or Discuss/Review items on the agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Chairman Brewer read aloud a letter from Franconia Health Officer Dr. Charles Wolcott to Lois Bijolle, President of Mittersill Alpine Resort detailing a sewer odor issue in an area of the resort that is problematic to residents. Dr. Wolcott asked Ms. Bijolle to provide a plan of corrective action to the Board of Selectmen within 30 days.

A letter was also received from FEMA regarding a Risk Mapping, Assessment and Planning meeting that will be held in Littleton Public Library on April 1st. Jenny let the Board know that Emergency Management System Director Mark Taylor was notified of the meeting.

The Board also received a letter from Eileen Ball regarding the dates of the Charter and settlement of Franconia. Chairman Brewer read the letter aloud in which Eileen states that additional research done by she and Tim Brown concludes that the Charter of Franconia was February 14th, 1764 and the first settlers arrived in 1773. Eileen said Tim Brown will be sending the original Charter documents to the Board via email.

The North Country Council sent a summary of their visit to the Transfer Station that includes some suggestions for recycling practices and storage.

NHDOT sent a letter and map detailing paving plans for 2020 and suggesting the town may wish to coordinate road projects. Chairman Brewer will reach out to her contact at DOT for more information.

Mark Allen, who owns property on Bickford Hill Road, wrote the Board commenting that Route 116 has become an eyesore due to the commercial properties with debris, dumpsters, equipment, etc. in view of the road. He asked that the town find a way to screen those properties from view. Chairman Brewer said she does not believe the Board has much if any control over the property owners as they don't meet the definition of a junkyard. Selectman Meth said he would mention the letter at the next Planning Board meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cable Consortium: Selectman Meth said there is no update from Cable Consortium but he is in touch with Brian

Bresnahan from Annie Kuster's office regarding broadband and will be in touch with him again after Town Meeting.

Chamber of Commerce: Selectman Blodgett says the Chamber continues to look for a Marketing Assistant.

Conservation Commission: Chairman Brewer said the Commission has been investigating their funds and trying to determine what the funds can be used for legally.

Energy Commission: Selectmen Meth shared a letter from Governor Sununu regarding HB1402 which establishes procedures for municipalities to host customer-generators of electrical energy as a way to reduce costs for residents. Selectmen Meth also said the Energy Commission will be having Gilbert Brown of Freedom Energy Logistics to discuss their Community Choice Aggregation program.

Planning Board: Next meeting is Thursday March 12th to discuss the request from Asplundh for cutting trees on a scenic road.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Karen Foss asked if the \$70,000 that was left over from the Safety Services Building project was applied to the loan principal as it was supposed to be as she cannot find the adjustment made to the loan principal in the town report. Karen would like to meet with someone, possibly the auditors to answer questions she has about the town report's financials.

Dawn Steele said the Estimated Revenues & Credits in the town report decreased about \$100,000 this year over last year and is wondering why that is. Chairman Brewer said she will check with Carol Wills.

Peter Grote said the ZBA has yet to appoint a secretary and Jenny Monahan has agreed to assume the position.

Chairman Brewer made a motion to appoint Jenny Monahan as Secretary to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Selectmen Meth seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

The Board entered non-public session at 3:36pm for reasons of personnel.

The Board left non-public session at 4:15pm.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Monahan
Administrative Secretary