

**TOWN OF FRANCONIA  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2018**

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**TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Eric Meth, Bernadette Costa, Jill Brewer

**TOWN OFFICIALS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** None when meeting was called to order, Peter Grote arrived at 3:30pm.

**The meeting was called to order by Chairman Meth at 3:10pm.**

**APPOINTMENTS:**

3:15pm - Non-Public Session in accordance with 91-A:3 II(b)

**TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:**

Selectman Brewer made a motion to enter non-public session at 3:15pm for personnel reasons.

The Board came out of non-public session at 3:56pm. Bernadette Costa made a motion to seal the minutes of the non-public session. Jill Brewer seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion Passes.**

**SIGN/APPROVE:**

The Board reviewed the March 5, 2018 meeting minutes. After a brief discussion, Bernadette Costa made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Selectman Brewer seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion Passes.**

The Board reviewed the March 5, 2018 non-public session meeting minutes. With no discussion, Bernadette Costa made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Selectman Brewer seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion Passes.**

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

A septic permit was reviewed and approved: Cucci, Map 3, Lot 3.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE:**

Holly Burbank let the Board know that she had been contacted by an attorney regarding the tax deeded property on Slalom Lane. The attorney had asked if the Town would be willing to waive the interest and statutory penalties if the owner wanted to buy the property back. After a brief discussion, the Board decided against waiving the fees for this property as they would not be able to waive the fees for all the properties.

Holly also updated the Board regarding the Riverwalk easement discussion from the March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Town's legal counsel advised to get an easement whenever possible. Holly said she will provide copies of the written agreements to legal counsel so an easement agreement can be developed to approach property owners with. Holly next informed the Board that Fire Chief Gaudette had expressed interest in conducting a controlled burn training exercise on the tax deeded Evergreen Apartments property. The Board briefly discussed that this may be a good solution to removing the structure as they have previously discussed mandating its removal in any future sale contract.

Holly next provided an answer to Selectman Costa's previous week's inquiry about using the left over Safety Services Building Bond funds to pay down the bond itself. Holly said the payment would go directly towards the principal and there would be no penalties for paying it off early.

Peter Grote requested to comment on the matter, and said that there would be significant interest savings over the remainder of the loan's term if the aforementioned principal payment was made.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Chairman Meth said he received a letter regarding Road Approval from Janet Levinson regarding the request from Trailside Association to take over the road.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Conservation Commission:** None

**CIP Meeting:** None

**Energy Commission:** Eric Meth said the Energy Commission had some discussion about solar energy installations and expressed an interest in having solar installation/s in Franconia. Selectman Costa said the elementary school is going to install a new roof so this may be a good time for that conversation.

**Northern Pass:** Eric Meth dictated part of a newsletter called "Bury the Northern Pass" that discussed potential future happenings with the project as related to the NH SEC's recent verbal decision.

**Planning Board:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**OTHER DISCUSSION:**

Chairman Meth let the Board know he had signed the contract from the engineer for the Pavilion project.

Chief Cashin arrived at the meeting.

Selectman Costa made a motion to enter non-public session at 4:29pm pursuant to NH RSA 91-A:3 II(b)

The Board came out of non-public session at 5:30pm. Bernadette Costa made a motion to seal the minutes of the non-public session. Eric Meth seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion Passes.**

With no further discussion, the Board adjourned at 5:32pm on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Monahan  
Administrative Secretary