

TOWN OF FRANCONIA
PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND POLE LICENSES
Monday, March 26 2018, 3:00 PM at Town Hall

TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT: Jill Brewer, Eric Meth, Jeff Blodgett

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

Chairman Brewer called the hearing to order at 3:03 PM.

The Board discussed the purpose of the hearing and the reason for amending the pole licensing agreements with public utilities.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Karen Foss asked who will conduct the assessment of the poles and if this will be a new source of town revenue. The Board advised that Avitar Assessing will assess the pole equipment and yes, new revenue will be generated for the Town.

With no further questions from the public, Chairman Brewer dictated the following:

“I make a motion that the Town of Franconia declare that all outstanding pole licenses issued by or under the authority of the Selectmen of Franconia or its predecessors in office acting under the provisions of RSA 231:161 (b), or its predecessor statutes, are hereby changed to incorporate in each such pole license in effect as of March 27, 2018 and effective as of such date, the following changes by inserting therein the following language :

In accordance with the requirement of RSA 72:23, I (b), this license is granted to the licensee(s) subject to the condition that the licensee(s) and any other entity using or occupying property of the municipality pursuant to this license shall be responsible for the payment of, and shall pay, all properly assessed real and personal property taxes no later than the due date. Failure of the licensee(s) to pay duly assessed personal and real property taxes when due shall be cause to terminate this license.

In accordance with the requirements of RSA 72:23, I (b), the licensee(s) hereunder and any other entity using or occupying the property of the municipality pursuant to this license shall be responsible for the payment of, and shall pay, both current and potential real and personal property taxes when due. Furthermore, in accordance with the requirements of RSA 72:23, I (b), the licensee(s) and any other entity using and/or occupying property of the municipality

pursuant to this license shall be obligated to pay real and personal property taxes on structures or improvements added by the licensee(s) or any other entity using or occupying the property of the licensor pursuant to this license.

The Petitioner hereby acknowledges its statutory obligation pursuant to RSA 231:177-181 to relocate the poles, structures, conduit, and equipment licensed hereunder upon written notice from the Town.

The Licensee is required to provide the town in writing the names and contact information for any additional provider(s) authorized now or in the future to place equipment at these location(s).”

Chairman Brewer made a motion to adopt the new pole license agreement with amended language. Selectman Meth seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

With no further discussion, Selectman Brewer motioned to close the public hearing. Selectman Blodgett seconded the motion. **All were in favor.**

The hearing was adjourned at 3:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Monahan
Administrative Secretary