

**TOWN OF FRANCONIA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 8, 2019 AT TOWN HALL**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Holly Burbank, Jenny Monahan, Peter Grote, Mary Grote, Dawn Steele, Karen Foss, Don Carey.

The meeting was called to order at 3:02pm.

APPOINTMENTS:

Building Inspector Allan Clark: Allan was present to provide information on the responsibilities of the Board of Selectmen, Zoning Board of Adjustment and Planning Board pursuant to zoning.

Bob Montagno/Franconia Artwalk Association: Bob is seeking Board approval for having a demonstration of a "pour" at Old Home Day this year, hosted by Tarleton Castle and 42 Maple Art Studio. The Board determined that they would like to check into some aspects of this before making a decision.

SIGN/APPROVE:

The March 25, 2019 meeting minutes were approved as amended.

The April 11, 2019 Transaction List was reviewed and signed.

A Notice of Intent to Cut was approved for Map 1. Lot 1 and Map p, Lot 1.

The Board signed the title for the Ford F-150 that will be traded towards the new One Ton for the Highway Dept.

Septic Applications were approved for Map 28 Lot 13&14 and Map 5 Lot 14.

TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:

Quarter 1 2019 Budget Review: Town Administrator Burbank provided Q1 Trial Balance and Profit & Loss vs. Actual documents to the selectmen for review.

Park View Drive Inspection Report: Town Administrator Burbank said Redd McCarthy has continued to evaluate Park View Drive but will need to return once the snow has fully melted and the mud has dried out.

PSNH Tax Appeals: Town Administrator Burbank said Eversource sent a form asking the Town to describe the method used to assess the value of the poles. Town Administrator Burbank asked Avitar Associates to provide them with the data.

Town Administrator Burbank said she received an email from Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella attorneys asking the Town to provide approval for them to consolidate the cases from 2017 with the cases from 2014, 2015 and 2016 so 2017's cases will also be under their oversight.

Selectman Meth made a motion to allow Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella to consolidate the PSNH Tax Appeal cases for

2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 so they can oversee all four years. Chairman Brewer seconded the motion. All were in favor.
Motion passes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cable Consortium: None.

Chamber of Commerce: Selectman Blodgett said there was some discussion regarding Patriotic Purposes funding from the Town for Old Home Day that was not yet resolved.

Conservation Commission: Next meeting is May 21st, 3:30pm.

Energy Commission: Next meeting is April 16th. Eric said Paul Foss has been working with the EC on prospective solar projects for the Tri-Towns.

Northern Pass: None.

Planning Board: Next meeting is April 9th at 7:00.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Karen Foss asked for the trade in value for the F-150. Town Administrator Burbank said she would need to check on that and will get back to her.

Regarding the March 25th minutes, Dawn Steele said the Town Administrator contract was mentioned at the budget hearing but it was not discussed that it had been executed.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE:

Town Administrator Burbank said Plodzik & Sanderson Auditors are working at Town Hall this week and hope to be finished Wednesday.

She also said Alba Architects are coming this week to do a site evaluation for the Handicap Lift.

ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENT:

Chief Cashin: Chief met with the Board to have his updated contract signed. The contract now reflects his salary increase approved at Town Meeting this year and has also been amended to specify that he is eligible to receive town vote approved annual COLA increases.

Chief Cashin reported that there was a report of a suspicious device in a vehicle the evening of Wednesday April 3rd that was determined to be an improvised explosive device. The State Bomb Squad was contacted to remove the device and the matter is currently under investigation.

Chief Cashin said there have been many dog complaints lately stemming from people not observing the leash law and allowing their animals to visit others private property. Dawn Steele said there are dog feces on the Dow and asked if there is an ordinance against this. Chief Cashin confirmed that there is but policing the issue is difficult. Chief said he would likely put out an online reminder letting people know that fines can be issued if the ordinance is not observed.

The Board entered non-public session at 4:30pm for reasons of personnel.

The Board left non-public session at 5:09pm. Chairman Brewer made a motion to seal the minutes of the non-public session. Selectmen Meth seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

With no further input, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous voice vote at 5:09pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jenny Monahan
Administrative Secretary