

**TOWN OF FRANCONIA  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 6, 2019 AT TOWN HALL**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Holly Burbank, Jenny Monahan, Peter Grote, Mary Grote, Dawn Steele, Peter Chapel.

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

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**Peter Chapel – Healthtrust:** Peter met with the Board to provide a basic review of employee dental plans that Healthtrust provides.

**SIGN/APPROVE:**

The Board reviewed the 2019 Exemption/Credit Applications.

Chairman Brewer made a motion to grant the Veteran's Tax Credit to John H. Saliba Revocable Trust 07 (Map 8 Lot 10), Douglas Fletcher (Map 7 Lot 2), and Lise Johnson (Map 29 Lot 37). Selectman Meth seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

Chairman Brewer made a motion to grant the Solar Exemption Credit to John & Barbara Williams, David Strange & Paula Herbert and Paul & Karen Foss. Selectman Meth seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

The Board reviewed the 2019 Charitable Tax Exemptions.

Chairman Brewer made a motion to grant Charitable Tax Exemptions to Franconia Community Church of Christ, Neskaya Inc., Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester and the Bancroft House. Selectman Blodgett seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

The Board approved a Timber Tax Warrant for Map 1 Lot 1.

An Understanding of Services Agreement from Plodzik & Sanderson Auditors was reviewed and signed.

MS232R - Town Administrator Burbank dictated the letter that accompanied the MS-232R from the Dept. of Revenue Administration.

The Board approved a Septic Permit for Stanley Sherburn – Map 34 Lot 8.

The Board signed a proclamation claiming May 5<sup>th</sup> – May 11<sup>th</sup> as Municipal Clerk's Week.

The Board signed an authorization allowing Kim Cowles to apply for a Recreational Trails Program Grant on behalf of the Town, to install a footbridge to access the Lawrence Property.

The May 9, 2019 Transaction List was reviewed and signed.

Chairman Brewer said she was contacted by Lafayette School requesting an official proclamation to support Staff Appreciation Week beginning May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:**

**Alcohol at Town Sponsored Events:** Chairman Brewer made a motion to allow alcohol at Town sponsored events held on town property from May 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup> 2019. Selectman Blodgett seconded the motion. All were in favor.  
**Motion passes.**

**Tax Deed Properties:** Town Administrator Burbank reviewed the Tax Deed Notice List with the Selectmen and discussed the properties that may go to tax deed.

**ACT Conservation Easement Monitoring:** Town Administrator Burbank said ACT will be doing their annual easement monitoring and asked when a Selectman may be able to join them. Town Administrator Burbank will ask ACT for prospective dates and update the Board.

**TOWN ADMINISTATOR UPDATE:**

The Bickford Hill Bridge project has gone out to bid.

Spears Brothers did the asbestos testing at the Evergreen Apartments building and we are awaiting the final report. Alba Engineers visited Town Hall to begin site planning for the handicap lift project.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Gwyn Grasset wrote to resign her position as Library Trustee. The letter confirming the Tri-Town Agreement was approved by the Attorney General's office was received.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Cable Consortium:** None.

**Chamber of Commerce:** Next meeting is Wednesday May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Conservation Commission:** Next meeting is May 21<sup>st</sup>, 3:30pm. Chairman Brewer said the Twelve Hour Rowing Marathon at Iron Furnace Brewery was very successful and to date had raised about \$8,000 towards the Profile Trail Project.

**Energy Commission:** Selectman Meth said the next meeting is May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Discussion of a town solar array continues, as well as aspiring to become 100% renewable in the future.

**Northern Pass:** Selectman Meth said the NH Supreme Court hearing is May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Planning Board:** The PB met April 9<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:** The April 8, 2019 meeting minutes were approved as amended.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

Mary Grote asked how many bedrooms were listed on Stanley Sherburn's septic application. She was advised that the house has three bedrooms and the addition is one bedroom.

The Board entered non-public session at 4:15pm for reasons of reputation.

The Board left non-public session at 4:23pm.

The Board directed Town Administrator Burbank to send letters to the two parties that currently have tax payment arrangements to let them know that due to failure to comply with the conditions of their agreements, the Town would be moving forward with the tax deed process on their properties.

With no further input, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous voice vote at 4:24pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Monahan  
Administrative Secretary