

**TOWN OF FRANCONIA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REGULAR MEETING
MAY 11th, 2020 HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM**

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

PRESENT PANELISTS: Jenny Monahan, Kim Cowles, Tim Egan.

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

APPOINTMENTS:

NH Representative Tim Egan – Legislative Update: Tim informed the Board on the State Legislature's activity since the Stay At Home order was put in place, his thoughts on reopening NH's economy and what municipalities can expect from the CARES Act.

TO SIGN/APPROVE:

The May 4th minutes were approved as amended.

TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:

Franconia Soaring Foundation – Application for Tax Exemption: The FSF applied for tax exemption as an education facility. Dave Woodward of Avitar reviewed their application and did not feel the organization qualifies. The Selectmen agreed that the FSF is not a qualifying organization and denied the application.

Schedule Public Hearing for Historical Easement: A public hearing for the Palmer's application for a Historical Preservation Easement was scheduled. The hearing will be held May 18th at 4pm via Zoom.

Correspondence:

Selectman Meth said he heard from a resident that Old Home Day has been postponed. Kim Cowles added that the tentative date is August 22nd and while it looks like the celebration will be scaled back there is currently live music scheduled and fireworks. Kim said she is keeping the website updated with Old Home Day plans.

Committee Reports:

Energy Commission: Selectman Meth said the Energy Commission has been meeting via Zoom every Tuesday at 4:30 and next meets on May 12th.

Conservation Commission: Chairman Brewer said the Conservation Commission is planning to try to meet on May 18th but it remains to be determined whether the meeting will be a zoom meeting or in person.

Chamber of Commerce: Selectman Blodgett says the Chamber has not met for a couple of months.

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION: Selectman Meth said he spoke with Allan Clark and it sounded like the additional seating for the Iron Furnace Brewery will be approved and there is adequate parking available

between their on-site parking and off-site parking.

Chairman Brewer said she accompanied Allan Clark to visit a residence at Mittersill where water drainage from the road is entering a resident's property and going into his basement. Chairman Brewer said the Highway Department will be asked to clean out the gutters to hopefully abate the problem.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dawn Steele commented that she has seen kids playing at Dow Park and wondered if any of the equipment there is being disinfected. Kim Cowles said the equipment is not being disinfected and the playground is "use at your own risk".

The Board entered non-public session at 3:58pm for reasons of personnel. The Board left non-public session at 4:27pm. Chairman Brewer made a motion to seal the minutes of the non-public session. Selectman Blodgett seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:28pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Monahan
Administrative Secretary