

**TOWN OF FRANCONIA  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 20, 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, Phil Krill, Eileen Ball, Chief Mac Cashin.

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

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**Phil Krill & Eileen Ball – Town of Franconia's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Phil and Eileen met with the Board to discuss planning the Semiquincentennial celebration that will take place in 2023.

**SIGN/APPROVE:**

The Board approved the May 6<sup>th</sup> 2019 meeting minutes as amended.

2019 First Half Tax Warrant was signed by the Board.

Land Use Change Tax: Map 22 Lot 4-7 was removed from current use for a tax of \$7,570 and Map 22 Lot 4-10 was removed from current use for a tax of \$8,910.

2019 Solar and Wood Heat Exemption Application for Map 7 Lot 2: Chairman Brewer made a motion to approve the Solar Exemption for Douglas Fletcher. Selectman Meth seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

Chairman Brewer made a motion to deny the Wood Heating Exemption for Douglas Fletcher because it is not their sole source of heat. Selectman Blodgett seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

A driveway permit for 56 Hubertus Ring was approved.

Record of Appointments: The Board approved the Record of Appointments reappointing Kim Cowles to the Energy Committee, Karen Foss to the Energy Committee, David Strange to the Energy Committee, Bill McCarthy to the Conservation Commission, Thad Presby to Planning Board and Brian Williams to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as an alternate.

Peter Grote interjected that he had some pertinent information regarding the appointment of Brian Williams to the ZBA. Frank Clulow was resigning, so Brian Williams would be a regular member rather than an alternate. After a brief discussion, it was decided to have Mr. Williams come in to be appointed by the Select Board and sworn in on May 28<sup>th</sup> if he can attend that day.

Primex Property & Liability Contribution Assurance Program (CAP): The Board signed this document to lock in a percentage rate range of no more than +9% to the current rate for the next three years.

Intent to Cut application, McGowan Hill Road, Map 11 Lots 6 & 8 was approved by the Board.

The Board approved a Septic Permit for 208 Timber Lane, Map 24 Lot 26.

The May 23, 2019 Transaction List was reviewed and signed.

**TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:**

**Transfer Station Sub-Committee Update:** Chairman Brewer said the committee had met and discussed several issues. The PAYT bags will be increased in price to \$1.75 per bag for the smaller size and \$2.50 per bag for the larger size, to help offset the increased recycling expenses. They recommend the following C&D pricing: Mixed C&D at \$25 per cubic yard, sheetrock at \$35 per cubic yard and shingles would be \$15 per square yard. The Committee also recommends removing all wood from the no charge category. These changes would be implemented on July 1<sup>st</sup> if the Boards are agreeable. The Committee would like to post a large sign at the Transfer Station reflecting the updated pricing. Town Administrator Burbank will reach out to Tim Blake to get a sign ordered. Chairman Brewer said the Committee also discussed implementing an annual or “pay each time” fee for recycling.

Chairman Brewer also said the new storage container has been ordered.

**Board and Committee Meeting Policy:**

Town Administrator Burbank suggested implementing a policy that would require Boards and Committees to meet in Town Buildings. The policy would exclude the Library Trustees, Cemetery Trustees and the Recreation Committee. She feels this would make it easier for attendees to come to meetings if they wished to and provide more consistency. She also reminded of NH RSA Chapter 91-A requirements for noticing meetings, as well as the prominent places for posting notices that the Town typically uses.

Chairman Brewer made a motion to accept the Board & Committee Meeting Policy. Selectman Meth seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE:**

Town Administrator Burbank corrected a discussion from the May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. The septic plan that was proposed for Sherburn, Map 34 Lot 8, is a four bedroom plan, not one bedroom plan.

Holly also said there is activity at Evergreen Apartments to ready the site for the demolition that should happen in the next few weeks.

The required meeting for the Bickford Hill Bridge project took place and one contractor attended. Town Administrator Burbank said we will be hoping a bid will be forthcoming that will be within the Town’s approved budget for the project.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

After resigning her position last week, Gwyn Grasset rescinded her resignation from being a Library Trustee. She will stay on as an alternate.

The Easton Zoning Board of Adjustment sent notification that they will be holding a hearing on May 28th to review an application for a special exception regarding a cell phone pole on Lost River Road that Blue Sky Towers LLC and AT&T would like to extend by 40 feet.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Cable Consortium:** Selectman Meth said the next meeting is June 13<sup>th</sup>. There was no quorum at the last meeting.

**Chamber of Commerce:** None.

**Conservation Commission:** Next meeting is May 21<sup>st</sup>, 3:30pm.

**Energy Commission:** Selectman Meth said the next meeting is May 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Northern Pass:** Selectman Meth said the oral arguments took place in front of the NH Supreme Court on May 15<sup>th</sup>. A decision is not expected for months or even perhaps a year.

**Planning Board:** No meetings currently scheduled.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

Peter Grote commented to Selectman Meth regarding a Northern Pass meeting they had attended previously.

The Board entered non-public session at 4:06pm for reasons of reputation.

The Board left non-public session at 5:04pm.

Chairman Brewer made a motion to seal the minutes of the non-public session. Selectman Meth seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

With no further input, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous voice vote at 5:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Monahan  
Administrative Secretary