

**TOWN OF FRANCONIA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 17, 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, Bob Montagno, Corey Rush, Dinny Richmond, Kim Cowles.

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

APPOINTMENTS:

Corey Rush – Disposal of Equipment: Corey said there are three pieces of Buildings & Grounds equipment that are no longer needed or functional without significant investment to fix. Corey said both the Gravely Sweeper and the 2004 Mower are both not worth the investment to repair and he proposes these items are brought to Presby's scrap yard. There is also a 2014 36" Wright Standing Mower that needs some work but may be able to be sold rather than scrapped, as was the CIP's plan for this item in their 2019 plan.

Chairman Brewer made a motion to allow Corey Rush to scrap the Sweeper and the 2004 Mower. Selectman Meth seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

Chairman Brewer made a motion to have Corey Rush pursue selling the 2014 Wright Mower with the proceeds going to the Buildings & Grounds Equipment Fund. Selectman Meth seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

Chief Mac Cashin – Police Update: Chief Cashin advised the Board that an arrest has been made in a case that has been ongoing for the past several months. Chief also said the Police Department has been given a drug drop box by Littleton Police Department that will soon be available for use at the department.

Town Administrator Burbank let Chief Cashin know that there is garbage behind the Village Store from bears getting into their dumpster that has not been addressed. Chief Cashin said he would follow up on this.

Dinny Richmond – Woodsville Guaranty: Dinny requested approval from the Board to move the Library's accounts from Mascoma Bank to Woodsville Guaranty so the Library would not have to use its own tax ID number and can use the Town's instead, as was recommended by the Attorney General. The board signed the necessary paperwork to facilitate the change.

SIGN/APPROVE:

The Board approved the June 3, 2019 meeting minutes as amended.

NH DRA Application for Reimbursement for Federal & State Lands – signed by the Board.

Sign Permit – Map 14 Lot 116 (Coldwell Banker Lifestyles) – approved by the Board.

Septic Permit – Map 19 Lot 10 (28 Notchway Drive) – approved by the Board.

Property Tax Abatement (Map 13 Lot 34-T6) - \$22.92 abatement request for a camper that was mistakenly billed – approved by the Board.

HEB Contract Amendment – Holly Burbank had an explanation from HEB Engineers for the \$3,900.00 fee to rebid the Bickford Hill Bridge project.

Chairman Brewer made a motion to withdraw \$3,900.00 from the Bridge Maintenance Fund in order for HEB Engineers to rebid the Bickford Hill Bridge Project. Selectman Meth seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

Cemetery Credit Card Application – The Board signed a credit card application for the cemetery sexton to use for supplies.

Franconia ArtWalk 3rd Party Agreement (Library Artwork) – Chairman Brewer signed the agreement between the FAA, the artist and the Town for the art installation that was placed at the Library.

Northern Grafton County Democrats – Request to approve alcohol on Dow Field: Chairman Brewer made a motion to allow the Northern Grafton County Democrats to have alcohol at their event on the Dow Field on September 8th. Selectman Meth seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:

Sugar Hill Request – Letter to SAU #35 Superintendent re: Energy Costs: Sugar Hill requested Franconia’s support in asking SAU #35 to provide information that may help find ways to reduce energy use at the schools. Sugar Hill had provided the letter they had drafted as an example and Town Administrator Burbank said she would ask if they were opposed to letting us use their letter. The Board agreed that Holly could send the letter on to the SAU with her signature.

July Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule – After discussion revealed Town Administrator Burbank, Selectman Meth and Chairman Brewer would each be out of town for the July 1st meeting, the Board decided to forgo the July 1st meeting and meet next on July 15th.

TOWN ADMINISTATOR UPDATE:

Holly said Evergreen Apartments demolition has been completed, the debris removed and the site has been grass seeded.

Holly also ordered and received signs to be placed temporarily on Rte 116 to direct pedestrians to the existing crosswalk, which is hoped to be helpful during events on the Dow and Old Home Day to make crossing safer in that area.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cable Consortium: June meeting was cancelled and next meeting is July 11th.

Chamber of Commerce: No update at this time.

Conservation Commission: Next meeting June 18th, 3pm at Town Hall.

Energy Commission: Next meeting is June 26th at Town Hall.

Northern Pass: No update at this time.

Planning Board: Next meeting is scheduled for June 25th at 7pm at Town Hall.

Tri-Town Transfer Station Committee: Meeting June 18th at 4pm at the Easton Town Hall.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Dawn Steele commented about exempt and non-exempt salary status as relative to the position that Kris Kappler is leaving. Town Administrator Burbank said she was aware of the parameters surrounding salary status and had checked with Town Legal Counsel.

Bob Montagno asked if the Franconia ArtWalk Association could use the Lafayette Recreation van on Friday July 5th to transport people who would like to see the ArtWalk installations but do not wish to walk, or in the event of rainy weather. Kim Cowles joined the discussion and said she would check the schedule and let him know. Bob also requested access to the Town Hall main room in case of rain as well.

The Board entered non-public session at 3:55 pm due to reasons of personnel and reputation.

The Board left non-public session at 4:33 pm.

Based on the non-public discussion, Chairman Brewer made a motion to compensate Recreation Director Kim Cowles for the additional hours necessary to cover the position of Program Coordinator until that position is filled. Selectman Meth seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

With no further input, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous voice vote at 4:36pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Monahan
Administrative Secretary