

**TOWN OF FRANCONIA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REGULAR MEETING
JULY 15, 2019 AT TOWN HALL**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Holly Burbank, Jenny Monahan, John Dimarzio, Tom Trainor.

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

APPOINTMENTS:

Randall Kunz – Profile Club re: Liquor License: Randall requested a letter from the Selectmen stating that they have no objections to the Profile Club serving liquor and/or hosting entertainment. The Board had no objections to either. Town Administrator Burbank will draft a letter of support and was authorized to sign on behalf of the Board.

John Dimarzio – Beaver Issue: John said he is again experiencing beaver issues on his property, with some flooding on his perimeter and is concerned about the level of water at the culvert by the road, which he says is flooded. Tom Trainor, a neighbor of John's, spoke to the issue as well. John is requesting assistance from the Town to manage the beavers.

The Board will take the matter under consideration.

SIGN/APPROVE:

The Board amended the minutes of the June 3rd meeting.

The Board approved the June 17th, 2019 meeting minutes as written.

Plodzik & Sanderson Representation Letter – signed by Chairman Brewer.

DRA PA-28 Inventory of Taxable Property Form for 2020 – signed by the Board.

Waiver of Interest - \$404.28 of interest was waived for a property due to a deed entry error.

Septic Permits: Map 28 Lot 172; Map 26 Lot 1; Map 28 Lot 25 – all approved by the Board.

Driveway Permit – Map 28 Lot 6 - Approved by the Board.

Trust Fund Expenditures: Town Administrator Burbank said the TOTF has requested that expenditures are approved by the Board quarterly. The Board approved the following expenditures, which is what have been spent from the general fund and requested from the TOTF for the first half of 2019.

Chairman Brewer made a motion to expend \$8,100 from the Sidewalk Improvement Fund for engineering work.

Selectman Meth seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

Chairman Brewer made a motion to expend \$16,176 from the Bridge Construction Fund for engineering work and bid documents. Selectman Meth seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

Chairman Brewer made a motion to expend \$62,320.57 from the Lafayette Recreation Fund for the pavilion work, various events and other expenses. Selectman Meth seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

Town Administrator Burbank said the Cemetery has voted on their own funds and the new truck for the Highway Department funds were from Town Meeting vote.

The July 18, 2019 Transaction List was reviewed and signed.

TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:

2019 YTD Budget Review: Town Administrator Burbank said departmental budgets are where they should be, with the exception of the Planning and Zoning legal budget, which has been exceeded.

192 Main Street: Chairman Brewer suggested having a community gathering at 192 Main to get suggestions and ideas from residents for best uses of the property. Selectman Blodgett suggested a survey on the website to gather opinion as well. After a brief discussion, the Board decided to have the meeting on Saturday, September 15th at 5pm, at the 192 Main location.

WWII Plaque: Selectman Meth said he had spoken with Phil Krill while visiting the Heritage Museum and Phil said the Heritage Society would like to fund the replacement or restoration of the "Honor Roll" plaque mounted on the exterior of Town Hall. There was some discussion that we are not completely sure if the Honor Roll is WWII or multiple wars, or just Franconia or perhaps the entire county, as there are many names for a small town. Jenny said she knew someone who may know and would ask him about it.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE:

Holly said Peter Grote had emailed her and the ZBA would like to appoint Alicia Shambo as an alternate member.

Chairman Brewer made a motion to appoint Alicia Shambo to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as an alternate member. Selectman Blodgett seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

Holly also said she has been contacted several times about the Lucy Pfosi Memorial Fund, by Lucy Pfosi's sister. The scholarship fund awards \$200 to a student annually, but the intent of the fund has been questioned by the TOTF and they won't approve expenditures without the fund's documentation. It is unknown whether or not documentation exists, and none has turned up in searching Town Hall's files. Holly said she is trying to assist in finding a solution to the issue.

Holly said she has been accepted into the NH Government Accounting Certification Program, which starts in August. She will travel to Concord once a month for this training.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cable Consortium: The Consortium met July 11th but there was no quorum. Selectman Meth said the next meeting is August 8th. He said he has been approached several times by residents regarding broadband access and internet access outside of the downtown area. He said he was interested in talking to the new communications business that is at the former sports shop.

Chamber of Commerce: Selectman Blodgett said the Chamber's Marketing Assistant has left the position and they will begin looking for another.

Conservation Commission: Chairman Brewer said Sean Sweeney of the Franconia Ski Club attended the Commission's most recent meeting and presented their plans for a building at the bottom of Mittersill slope.

Chairman Brewer also said that Kim Cowles resigned from her position as chair of the Conservation Commission as she has heard repeatedly that another member has made disparaging remarks about her to other residents.

Town Administrator Burbank also recommended the Town reach out to the State to address a plowing issue at Mittersill where a section of the road is state owned but the Town has been plowing/sanding/maintaining it. She suggested that perhaps some reimbursement for the services could be possible. Selectman Meth said he would reach out to a contact there.

Energy Commission: Selectman Meth said the Energy Commission is taking the summer off and will meet again on September 17th. At their last meeting they continued discussion of energy efficiency at the school.

Northern Pass: None.

Planning Board: No meetings currently scheduled. Selectman Meth said the PB has met twice recently. The Presby's are building apartment units at the base of Agassiz in the hotel annex. He also said the new owners of the Westwind Cottages met with the Board to discuss some plans for the property.

Tri-Town Transfer Station Committee: None.

PUBLIC INPUT:

None.

The Board entered non-public session at 5:09pm pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(c).

The Board left non-public session at 5:25pm.

With no further input, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous voice vote at 5:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Monahan
Administrative Secretary