

**TOWN OF FRANCONIA  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 12, 2019 AT TOWN HALL**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Holly Burbank, Jenny Monahan, Bob Montagno, Mary Grote, Peter Grote, Chief Mac Cashin.

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

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**Chief Cashin:** Chief spoke to the Board about the crosswalks on Rte 116 and Harvard and Academy and the speed of traffic there. Chief feels it is time for the Town to invest in our own radar speed control sign, rather than continuing to borrow Sugar Hill's for events. He said there are some other options, such as rumble strips, which would require State approval, and the Town could petition for state intervention. He will investigate the cost of a speed control sign and update the Board later. Chief also said it may be a good idea to consider buying some pedestrian crosswalk signs.

**SIGN/APPROVE:**

The Board approved the July 15th, 2019 meeting minutes as amended.

The July 19, 2019, August 8, 2019 & August 15, 2019 Transaction Lists were reviewed and signed. The two former were previously approved remotely but needed original signatures for Treasurer Peabody's files.

Adoption of Franconia Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2019: Chairman Brewer made a motion to approve the updated Hazard Mitigation Plan. Selectman Meth seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

Deed Waiver Map 14 Lot 30-3: The past due taxes on this lot have been paid. Chairman Brewer made a motion to not accept the Tax Collector's deed because in its judgment, acceptance and ownership of the real estate would subject the municipality to undesirable obligations or liability risk. Selectman Meth seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

Record of Appointment (ZBA Alternate): This was previously voted on so the Board only had to sign the documentation appointing Alicia Shambo as an alternate member.

Driveway Permit, Map 26 Lot 1: Approved after a brief discussion clarifying the sight line from the proposed driveway location.

Approval for use of alcohol at Dow Field (private event): Chairman Brewer made a motion to allow alcohol use at Dow Field for the private event. Selectman Meth seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

**TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:**

**Wetlands Permit Application (Mittersill Lodge at Cannon Mountain)** – The Board briefly discussed this application and said the presentation was very well done and agreed this will be a nice feature to the mountain.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Cable Consortium:** The Consortium will meet on September 12<sup>th</sup> after taking some time off from meeting over the summer. Selectman Meth said he hopes to discuss the topic of improving broadband access in town at the next meeting.

**Chamber of Commerce:** Selectman Blodgett said Chamber President Cort Roussel has sold the short term rental portion of his business.

**Conservation Commission:** No update at this time.

**Energy Commission:** Selectman Meth said the Energy Commission is taking the summer off and will meet again on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 4:45pm at Town Hall.

**Northern Pass:** Selectman Meth said Northern Pass is dead--the Supreme Court affirmed the decision made by the NHSEC. Selectman Meth read some sections of a letter from Christine Fillmore, Esq. praising the efforts of the Town and residents.

**Planning Board:** There is a meeting regarding the Handicap Lift tomorrow, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**Tri-Town Transfer Station Committee:** None.

**Additional Comments:** Chairman Brewer praised the Lafayette Recreation Committee for the success of the Triathlon, as well as the job well done by the Summer Rec program again this year, with special thanks to Ann Cowles for her help.

Selectman Meth said the hands on the Dow Clock are currently not keeping time. He spoke with Ed Rolfe, who used to do the clock maintenance. Ralph contacted Phil DiVanza, who will be coming up to take a look at the clock. The Selectman decided to check with Town Administrator Burbank regarding expending the funds from the clock maintenance fund before moving forward with a motion.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

ZBA Chair, Peter Grote, said he may need to access Town Legal Counsel for some questions regarding the case they have coming before them on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Selectman Blodgett suggested approving a 30 minute phone call at this time. The Board agreed Peter could inquire with Town Legal Counsel for 30 minutes and Peter thought that should be adequate for the discussion.

Bob Montagno commended the work done on Lovett's Bridge, citing that it was done before July 4<sup>th</sup> and the company strived to maintain the bridge's charming aesthetic. He suggested the Town send a letter of thanks for their good work.

With no further input, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous voice vote at 3:53pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Monahan  
Administrative Secretary