

TOWN OF FRANCONIA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REGULAR MEETING

Monday, 08/27/2018, at Town Offices

TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT: Eric Meth, Jeff Blodgett, Jill Brewer.

OTHERS PRESENT: Holly Burbank, Jenny Monahan, Justin Roshak, Bob Montagno, Mary Grote, Kris Pastoriza, Campbell McLaren, Ann Steuernagel, Lynn Kenerson.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm

APPOINTMENTS:

Lynn Kenerson/Ann Steuernagel – Little Free Library: Lynn and Ann are developing a plan to install Franconia's first Little Free Library. The Friends of the Library have offered to pay for the structure (21"x18"x17" wooden box with a tin roof and plexiglass door, mounted on a wooden post) and Abbie Greenleaf Library will maintain the book selection. The Town would need to install the structure and repair when necessary. Once a location is finalized, Ann and Lynn will return to the Board to move forward with the project.

Kris Pastoriza: Kris asked the Board to have cyclist protective signs installed on Route 116. Town Administrator Burbank will investigate the process for obtaining the signs with NHDOT.

SIGN/APPROVE:

The Board approved the August 13, 2018 meeting minutes as amended.

The Board reviewed and signed the August 30, 2018 Transaction List.

The Board reviewed and signed the MS-1 (Summary Inventory of Valuation).

The Board reviewed and approved a septic permit for Map 28 Lot 68 (57 Woodchuck Trail).

The Board signed the contract with Robert P. Peckett III & Sons Trucking to dredge the fire pond.

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

TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:

Pro Bono Grant Work: Bernadette Costa has offered her services as a grant writer to do some pro bono work for Franconia. After a brief discussion, the Board decided to ask her to research possible grants for the replacement of the handicapped ramp at Town Hall.

Dow Tennis Court Reconstruction Quote: Cindy Berlack received a quote of approximately \$70,000 to have the tennis courts resurfaced, which was much higher than anticipated. The Board suggested seeking other bids.

Dow Clock Recognition Plaque: There was a brief discussion about providing a plaque for the work done on the Dow Clock. Selectman Meth will confer with the Dow's Board of Directors.

I.O.O.F Safe: Chief Cashin has offered to purchase the locked safe for \$50 as well as move the item from the Town Hall.

Chairman Brewer made a motion to accept Chief Cashin's offer to purchase and remove the safe from Town Hall. Selectman Meth seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

NHMA Legislative Bulletin re: Governor Vetoes of SB446 & 365: After a brief explanation of the bills by Chairman Brewer, she suggested the Board may wish to send a letter encouraging legislators to overturn the Governor's veto. The Board was in agreement. Holly Burbank will draft the letter.

Zoning Violation- 485 Main Street: Selectman Blodgett noted that this property has several unregistered vehicles in the driveway and there appears to be debris on/under the front porch. After a brief discussion, the Board decided to draft a letter to the property owner.

Appointments to Conservation Commission, Planning Board & ZBA: The following motions were made to re-appoint various board and committee members:

Chairman Brewer made a motion to appoint Kim Cowles with a term expiration of March 2020, Ginny Jeffryes with a term expiration of March 2021 and Chris Nicodemus with a term expiration of March 2021 to the Conservation Commission. Selectman Meth seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

Selectman Meth made a motion to appoint Keith Bachelder with a term expiration of March 2021 and Mark Hessler with a term expiration of March 2021 to the Planning Board. Chairman Brewer seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

Chairman Brewer made a motion to appoint Susan Retz with a term expiration of March 2021 to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Selectman Meth seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

Town Administrator Update: Holly Burbank let the Board know that the Town has contracted a new energy supplier as Franconia's contract with Nextera was expiring. The Town is now using Constellation Energy for a three year agreement at a slight savings over what Nextera proposed.

Holly also said that the weathervane/cupola restoration the Heritage Museum is funding has begun today.

Red McCarthy evaluated Balancing Rock and Trailside roads. Holly will update the Board next week.

Town Hall main hall floor bids are underway.

Correspondence:

Holly Burbank said the Town has received the official letter of acceptance for the Wells Road bridge into the State Bridge Aid Program.

The New Hampshire Municipal Association sent a letter asking if a town representative was going to attend the Legislative Policy Conference on September 14th. Selectman Meth said he plans to go.

Grafton Regional Development Corporation is having their annual meeting at the Common Man in Lincoln. Selectman Blodgett may attend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Conservation Commission: No recent meetings. The next meeting is September 18th at 4:30.

CIP: Is preparing to begin meetings.

Energy Commission: The Energy Commission will reconvene in September.

Planning Board: None

Northern Pass: No update since Eversource filed their appeal with the NH Supreme Court. Selectman Meth is attending the NHMA Legislative Policy Conference to support a legislative proposal drafted by the Society for the Protection of NH Forests regarding municipal control of local roads.

Chamber of Commerce: No update.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Bob Montagno said there is garbage and mattresses stored between the Village Store and the small building on the right side of it. It was decided that Holly could ask Chief Cashin to check on the situation.

Mary Grote inquired about the Land Use Change Tax amount for 2017.

Mary Grote asked if the tentative plan for widening Rte 116 was for both a bike lane and widening the sidewalk. Chairman Brewer said that is what has been discussed with Scott Fournier of HEB Engineers but no concrete plan has been established. Mary said she hopes the improvements can be made to make the road safer.

The Board entered non-public session at 4:37 pm pursuant to RSA 91-A:3,II(d).

The Board left non-public session at 5:06 pm.

After a brief discussion, Chairman Brewer made a motion to put the Town owned property on Overbrook Road, Map 6 Lot 16 out to bid with a minimum bid of \$10,000. Selectman Blodgett seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:07 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Monahan
Administrative Secretary