



TOWN OF FRANCONIA

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 05, 2017 AT 3:00 PM AT TOWN OFFICES

TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mr. Eric Meth, Chairman, Ms. Bernie Costa. **ABSENT:** Ms. Jill Brewer.

OTHERS PRESENT: Christopher Gautreau- Admin Asst.

INVITED GUESTS: NONE

GENERAL PUBLIC: Mr. Peter Grote

The regular meeting was called to order at 3:06 pm by Chairman Meth.

ITEMS FOR BOS REVIEW/APPROVAL/DENIAL/DISPOSITION:

- 1) Meeting Minutes of August 28, 2017- The meeting minutes for August 28, 2017 were tabled till the next Board of Selectmen's meeting on September 11, 2017.
- 2) Transaction List- September 07, 2017- The transaction list was reviewed by The Board and signed.
- 3) Building permit- Shambo- Map 28/ Lot 127- The building permit was reviewed and signed by The Board with the stipulation that the conditions of the permit are adhered to. A variance was also granted on August 30, 2017 by The Zoning Board of Appeals, Case # 2017-2.

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS:

RE: 3:00 – Greg Russell, Presby Construction- Septic Permit Map28/ Lot 10.

ACTION(S) Mr. Russell from Presby Construction spoke to the septic permit that is under review. After much discussion pertaining to setback requirements, a request to waive the setback requirement to six

feet was presented. Selectman Costa made a motion to grant the request to six feet, with Chairman Meth seconded the motion with all voting in favor.

TOPICS FOR REVIEW/UPDATE/ DISCUSSION

- 1) **COALITION AGAINST BIGGER TRUCKS (CABT) LETTER:** The CABT letter was read into the minutes by Chairman Meth. The discussion centered on the air brake noise and additional road damage coming from these double-trailer trucks permeating from I-93 as they travel through. The discussion will be continued at the next regularly scheduled Selectman’s Meeting on September 11, 2017. The Board will have Holly draft a letter with these topics in mind.
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COMMITTEE REPORTING:

CONSERVATION COMMISSION: There was nothing to report today.

CIP COMMITTEE: Chairman Meth stated the committee was moving forward with the new asset sheets, and will be meeting with the individual department heads to discuss/review the assets in their custody.

ENERGYCOMMISSION: Chairman Meth reported that the committee has not met this week but that Solar Panels were on the” radar” for The Lafayette School.

PLANNING BOARD: The Planning Board focus on the Franconia business district was briefly discussed. Selectman Costa also mentioned getting on the DOT list for the 10 year road plan for sidewalks.

NORTHERN PASS: Chairman Meth commented that things have been dragging on somewhat. There was a public comment session on August 31, 2017, and Eric reported everyone that attended was in opposition to Northern Pass except for one person. Eric stated that Site Evaluation Committee Meetings will be scheduled out to October and November. The SEC is expected to have an oral decision by February 28, 2018 with a written decision by the end of March as well. The Massachusetts RFP will be decided at the end of January 2018.

PUBLIC INITIATIVES/COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Mr. Grote presented an article from The Caledonian Record that focused on differing views pertaining to Northern Pass and The Site Evaluation Committee.

OTHER WORK/ COMMUNICATION(S)/ ACTION(S)

Selectman Costa had some status questions pertaining to the following:

- a) Is The Pavilion Project fully funded?
- b) What is the status of the CMAQ?
- c) What is the status of the Kinsman Road sign?

Chairman Meth asked to schedule Kim Cowles and Scott Leslie to appear at the September 11, 2017 meeting. Chris will communicate to each.

ITEMS TO REVISIT:

AirBnB's	Cisterns & Fire Ponds (3/28/16)
Buildings Plan	Updating Pole License Agreement
Road Plan	F150 vs F550 (highway)
Sidewalk Plan	Purchasing & Bidding Policy
Tri-Town Recreation Agreement	Purchase of Presby Building
FD Generator in Trailer	Antique Fire Truck Storage

* Chairman Meth made a motion to exit public session at 4:15 pm with Selectman Costa seconded, with all in favor.

*With a unanimous voice vote, The Board adjourned the meeting @ 4:16 pm.

Prepared and respectfully submitted by:

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