

**TOWN OF FRANCONIA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2019 AT TOWN HALL**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Holly Burbank, Jenny Monahan, Dawn Steele, Mary Grote, Peter Grote, Tim Egan.

The meeting was called to order at 3:03pm.

SIGN/APPROVE:

The Board approved the August 26, 2019 meeting minutes as amended.

The September 12, 2019 Transaction List was reviewed and approved.

The Board approved an amended Septic Permit for Map 22 Lot 4-1-3.

Homeland Security Grant 2019 – Radio Reprogramming Grant: The Board briefly reviewed this application for the Police Department to update their radios via a grant through the Department of Homeland Security.

Chairman Brewer made a motion to support the Town of Franconia's Police Department's application for a Homeland Security grant for Radio Reprogramming. Selectman Blodgett seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

2019 MS-1: Town Administrator Burbank briefly reviewed the 2019 MS-1 Summary Inventory of Valuation for the town, which is \$282 million for 2019. The Board signed the MS-1.

TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:

FY2020 Budget Preparation Timeline: Town Administrator Burbank provided a schedule of budget work sessions and budget review meetings for the Selectmen.

Location of Bench honoring David Schaeffer: Patricia Shaffer is donating a bench in memory of her late husband, David Shaffer, who served as Town Moderator for 32 years. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed that an ideal spot for the bench would be the front lawn of Town Hall, possibly under one of the large trees. Town Administrator Burbank said she would consult with Kim and Corey of Buildings & Grounds regarding an ideal location.

Public Rights of Way Ordinance: Town Administrator Burbank said Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella Attorneys had invited Franconia to join other towns in a lawsuit that seeks to develop a Right of Way ordinance that would be applicable to all NH towns. After some discussion, the Board was not comfortable with joining the lawsuit at this time.

APPOINTMENTS:

Tim Egan - District 02 Representative Tim Egan visited with the Board to discuss some bills vetoed by the Governor (HB 183 re Biomass Industry and HB 365 re Net Metering) and the effect those vetoes may have on the North Country.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cable Consortium: The Consortium will meet on Thursday September 12th after taking some time off from meeting over the summer. Selectman Meth said he has been researching a Senate bill that helps town's with broadband access.

Chamber of Commerce: Selectman Blodgett said the Chamber is seeking a membership liaison employee as well as more employees for the Information Booth.

CIP: Jenny said Department Heads have been sent Equipment Assessment Forms with a two week deadline.

Conservation Commission: No update at this time.

Energy Commission: The Energy Commission will resume meeting on September 17th, 4:45pm at Town Hall after taking the summer off.

Planning Board: No updates at this time.

Tri-Town Transfer Station Committee: None.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Mary Grote inquired if non-profit organizations will be charged for the use of Town facilities under the recently updated Public Facilities Use Agreement. Mary was informed yes, the charges will apply to non-profits as well.

With no further input, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous voice vote at 4:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Monahan
Administrative Secretary

These minutes of the Town of Franconia Select Board have been recorded by its Secretary. Though believed to be accurate and correct they are subject to additions, deletions and corrections by the Select Board at its next meeting when the Board votes its final approval of the minutes. They are being made available at this time to conform to the requirements of New Hampshire RSA 91-A:2.