

TOWN OF FRANCONIA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REGULAR MEETING

Monday, 09/10/2018, at Town Offices

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Holly Burbank, Jenny Monahan, Bob Montagno, Mary Grote, Bernadette Costa, Andrew and Becky Hatfield.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm

APPOINTMENTS:

Bernadette Costa – Grant Writing: After offering her services to do some pro bono grant writing for the Town, Bernadette was asked to meet with the Board. Discussion was had about what types of projects the Town may have that could be eligible for grant funding. Suggestions made were: the handicap ramp, Main Street beautification programs, non-motorized transport infrastructure improvements, River Walk improvements, sidewalks. Bernadette will see what she can find.

SIGN/APPROVE:

The Board approved the August 27, 2018 meeting minutes as amended.

The Board reviewed and approved a driveway permit for Map 5 Lot 11 (Wallace Hill Road).

Selectmen Blodgett and Meth approved a building permit for Map 15 Lot 31 (114 Iron Foundry Road). Chairman Brewer recused herself due to conflict of interest.

TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:

Junkyard Zoning Violation: The topic of a property that has several seemingly inoperable/unregistered vehicles in its driveway and excessive debris on its front porch was revisited. After a brief discussion, Chairman Brewer said as there is no violation of an existing ordinance, the Town should not intervene beyond finding a way to offer help to the property owner, or perhaps by sending the property owner a letter letting them know that the issue had been brought to the Board's attention.

Bob Montagno said he knows a resident that had the same suggestion. The Board agreed that Bob could ask the individual for ideas to facilitate assisting the property owner.

Wetlands Application: Town Administrator Burbank let the Board know that the Town had been cc'd on a wetlands application for a property on Mountain View Road whose waterfront on Lewis Pond had sustained erosion damage during flooding and needs embankment repairs.

Town Administrator Update: Town Administrator Burbank said that the weathervane and cupola restoration has been completed and thanked the Heritage Museum for funding the project.

Holly also said that the Town had received a Right to Know request regarding a cruiser the Town had about a dozen years ago, but there are no records for the cruiser to fulfill the request.

Correspondence: Town Administrator Burbank let the Board know that Richard McLachlin had submitted a letter of resignation from his position as a Water Commissioner. The Town will begin seeking a replacement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

CIP: Meetings begin on September 19th.

Energy Commission: The Energy Commission will reconvene on September 18th at the Woodsville Guaranty Bank.

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 on September 14th to submit a floor proposal regarding NH Site Evaluation Committee control over municipal roadways.

Chamber of Commerce: No update.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

The Board entered non-public session at 3:40 pm pursuant to RSA 91-A:3,II(c).

The Board left non-public session at 4:08 pm. Chairman Brewer made a motion to seal the minutes of the non-public session. Selectman Meth seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Monahan
Administrative Secretary