

**TOWN OF FRANCONIA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 23, 2019 AT TOWN HALL**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Holly Burbank, Jenny Monahan, Mary Grote.

The meeting was called to order at 3:10pm.

APPOINTMENTS:

None.

TO SIGN/APPROVE:

The September 9th, September 15th and September 16th minutes were approved as written.

The September 26th 2019 Transaction List was reviewed and signed.

Handicap Lift Construction Contract: As the original proposal for the Handicap Lift was significantly over budget, Town Administrator Burbank said she had met with John Izzo of Presby Construction to discuss the Town's options. It was discussed to return to the smaller, open-concept plan for the lift, which can be completed within the approved budget for the project. Town Administrator Burbank also said that Building Inspector Allan Clark has condemned the handicap ramp and it has been closed. Town Hall is currently accommodating handicapped individuals by asking them to call Town Hall so they can be met in the parking lot by an employee. The lift construction should be started in mid October and take approximately a month to complete.

Chairman Brewer made a motion to move forward with the contract with Presby Construction to build the handicap lift. Selectman Meth seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE:

Sam's Place has been readied for moving to Kris Pastoriza's.

The Bickford Hill Bridge bid opening is Thursday, September 19th. Town Administrator Burbank said it seemed promising that a number of contractors have inquired about the project with HEB Engineers.

Balancing Rock Road is not ready for takeover by the Town as they have not yet completed the required work. Trailside Road's work has been completed and Scott Leslie feels they have satisfied the conditions. The Town still needs a deed for the road from Trailside Road's homeowner's association before it can be adopted by the Town.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cable Consortium: Next meeting is October 8. There was no quorum at the last meeting. Selectman Meth mentioned that he chatted with Carol Miller, Director of Broadband and Technology for the Department of Business & Economic Affairs, and she would like to visit with the Board on October 7th at 4pm. She suggested attending the NH Summit on Economic Inclusion and Digital Equity October 28th and 29th in Manchester. Selectman Meth said he is not able to attend but perhaps a volunteer could be found to attend on behalf of the Town.

Chamber of Commerce: Selectman Blodgett reported that a weekend attendant has been found for the information booth.

CIP: Selectman Blodgett said he has been contacted by Karen Foss regarding the start of CIP for this year.

Conservation Commission: None.

Energy Commission: Selectman Meth said the Energy Commission discussed several topics at the last meeting and reviewed some data from the EPA Energystar Portfolio. He asked Town Administrator Burbank if there is a problem with the heating at the Town Hall. She said yes, the furnaces trip frequently, however the situation is currently manageable. Corey Rush is attentive to the issue and keeps an eye on the system when it is cold. The next meeting is October 15th.

Planning Board: None.

OTHER DISCUSSION:

Chairman Brewer said a resident, Melissa Elander, who was unable to attend the Brainstorming Session at 192 Main emailed her to suggest putting a solar installation at 192 Main to possibly offset energy use at the school. Melissa said she would be willing to attend a meeting and chat with the Board, and Chairman Brewer said she would try to arrange with her to attend the next Selectmen's meeting.

Town Administrator Burbank said the Town also owns other properties that may be good for solar installations.

Selectman Meth said he had chatted with Rob Werner, a councilman in Concord, Director of the League of Conservation Voters and he would be willing to come speak with the Board as well.

Public Input:

Mary Grote asked Town Administrator Burbank if she had more information about sources to contact regarding Elderly Housing at 192 Main. Town Administrator Burbank said she will check into it.

With no further input, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous voice vote at 3:44pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Monahan
Administrative Secretary