



**TOWN OF FRANCONIA
INCORPORATED 1764**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN’S REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY OCTOBER 23, 2017 AT TOWN OFFICES**

TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mr. Eric Meth, Chairman, Ms. Jill Brewer.

TOWN OFFICIALS ABSENT: Ms. Bernie Costa

OTHERS PRESENT: Holly Burbank Town Administrator, Chris Gautreau Admin Asst.

INVITED GUESTS:

GENERAL PUBLIC: Ms. Mary Grote, Justin Roshak

The regular meeting was called to order at 3:07 pm.

ITEMS FOR BOS REVIEW/APPROVAL/DENIAL/DISPOSITION:

- 1) Minutes of October 16, 2017- The meeting minutes were reviewed by The Board, with Selectman Brewer making a motion to accept the amended minutes and Chairman Meth seconded with all in favor.
- 2) Transaction List- October 26, 2017- The transaction list was reviewed and signed by The Board.
- 3) 2017 Tax Collector’s Warrant (2nd Half Property Taxes) Holly presented the Tax Collectors Warrant for review. The Board reviewed the warrant and signed.

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS:

RE:

ACTION(S) NO SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS TODAY

RE:

ACTION(S)

TOPICS FOR REVIEW/UPDATE/ DISCUSSION

- 1) TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE HOLLY BURBANK: Holly reported receiving her certification in Local Public Agency from the training seminar last week.

The Northern Pass Legal Defense Fundraiser mailing went out for delivery on Friday October 20, 2017. Holly publicly thanked the Town of Lincoln, New Hampshire, for their gracious offering of the use of their postage / sealing equipment.

Post boxes along Academy Street were also discussed with concerns from The Board as to mailbox placement. Holly stated that the boxes can be installed along the Right of Way. Residents that choose to retain their current P.O.Box and not receive rural delivery, will now be required to pay for a post office box.

- 2) WELLS ROAD H&H STUDY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) OPENING/REVIEW: The Town of Franconia received one Request for Proposal back out of five that were sent. HEB Engineering was the vendor that responded. The proposal that HEB Engineering outlined for the hydrology study of the culvert itself, was proposed at \$5000.00. An earlier more comprehensive study submitted by HEB was discussed. The study includes the culvert with an additional 100ft. area forward and backwards of the culvert at \$6500. After discussion and review, Selectman Brewer made a motion to accept the earlier proposal with Chairman Meth seconded with all in favor.
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COMMITTEE REPORTING

CONSERVATION COMMISSION: Jill reported that the committee will be meeting on Tuesday October 24, 2017. Jill distributed an editorial from Mr. Chris Nicodemus titled "The future is ours." Jill read some excerpts from the letter into the minutes and concluded that Franconia has a bright future and also serves as the recreational hub of the area.

CIP COMMITTEE: Eric reported speaking with Mr. Phil Krill who had some concerns with the Heritage Museum roof and that it might be a CIP issue.

ENERGY COMMISSION: Chairman Meth reported that the Street Light Project is moving forward. Eric also reported that Ms. Karen Foss has sent out a letter to The New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority with the updated financials to include the GIS component that was recently voted upon.

PLANNING BOARD: Eric reported that there were no Planning Board meetings this past month, but the Board will be tentatively meeting on October 31, 2017.

NORTHERN PASS: Chairman Meth opined that the letter of support that was drafted by the Town of Plymouth was sent to a gentleman at National Grid. Eric had hoped for the letter to be addressed to the folks that are going to decide the Massachusetts Request for Proposal.

In other news on Northern Pass, Eric read a few paragraphs from an article published in The Littleton Courier Newspaper. The article raised questions on Northern Pass and more specifically that both National Grid and Northern Pass helped to write the Massachusetts Clean Energy Request for Proposal (RFP), and will be involved in evaluating the submitted bids. Chairman Meth responded “how do you do that?”

The Evaluation Committee is scheduled to announce its preferred choice of the Massachusetts Clean Energy RFP on January 24, 2018. The Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities will make the final decision near the close of April, 2018.

PUBLIC INITIATIVES/COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

THERE WERE NO PUBLIC COMMENTS TODAY

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

Selectman Brewer commented that the Halloween Cup Soccer Tournament was a huge success. Jill also publicly thanked Kris Kappler and Kim Cowles for organizing the event and helping to make it the success that it was.

Chairman Meth voiced the concerns of a resident regarding an obstruction of view at the intersection by the Dow Bridge area. The obstruction which was identified as being on the Presby Fuel Station side of the roadway, will be looked into by Eric to determine the obstruction, if any. Ms. Grote questioned whether it could be overgrown brush or a sign obstruction.

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 enter a non-public session @ 4:15 pm for legal and personnel issues as per RSA 91-A: 3, II, (c). Selectman Brewer seconded the motion with all in favor.

*The Board came out of Non-Public Session at 4:17 pm.

*Chairman Meth made a motion to seal the Non-Public minutes with Selectman Brewer seconded, and all voting in favor at 4:17 pm.

*With a unanimous voice vote, The Board adjourned the meeting @ 4:17 pm.

Prepared and respectfully submitted by:

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