

**TOWN OF FRANCONIA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 4, 2019 AT TOWN HALL**

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm.

APPOINTMENTS:

Cindy Berlack, Tennis Courts at Dow Field: Cindy was not able to attend the meeting but requested that the Selectman discuss the tennis courts in her absence. Selectman Meth recused himself due to living at the Academy. There was a brief discussion about the expense of refurbishing the courts, during which Selectman Meth said the Academy Association had discussed the idea and was willing to put some funds towards the project. Chairman Brewer said the courts would be a nice thing to have but it is an expensive project and there are no Town funds currently available to refurbish the courts.

TO SIGN/APPROVE:

The October 21st meeting minutes were approved as amended.

The October 28th meeting minutes were approved as written.

The October 24, 2019 Transaction List was signed.

An Intent to Cut application was approved for Map 24 Lot 33.

Town Administrator Update: Holly let the Board know that the Class Action lawsuit the Town joined regarding Payment in Lieu of Taxes by the Federal Government resulted in a payment of \$1,804 to the Town.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cable Consortium: Selectman Meth said he had a conversation with the Cable Consortium's attorney. She said negotiations for the extended contract are going forward very slowly. Regarding expanding cable access in Franconia, she suggested surveying residents to gather data about how many people would want cable if it were available. Selectman Meth said there is also a Senate bill that allows communities to band together to pay for and operate broadband networks that cross town lines without using tax dollars. Selectman Meth suggested talking with SNS/MountainTop Telecom to further the initiative.

Chamber of Commerce: No update at this time.

CIP: No update at this time.

Conservation Commission: Chairman Brewer said the recent meeting discussion focused on ways to get the Van Pelt property on Wells Road and the Hyde property on Old County Road into conservation protection. There was also discussion about the Save Forest Lake organization and ways to possibly support their mission.

Energy Commission: Next meeting is November 19th at 4:45pm.

Planning Board: Next meeting is November 12th at 7:00pm for a lot line adjustment

Other Discussion: Selectman Meth thanked Kim Cowles for illuminating the hands of Dow clock so they can be read at night. Chairman Brewer thanked Kim and Lafayette Recreation for a fantastic Halloween event.

Public Input: Peter Grote asked the Board for permission to speak with Town Legal Counsel regarding a case before the ZBA. The Board agreed that Peter can consult Town Counsel regarding this case.

The Board entered non-public session at 4:10pm for reasons of personnel issues.

The Board left non-public session at 4:29pm. The Board voted unanimously to seal the minutes of the non-public session.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:31pm.

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.