

**TOWN OF FRANCONIA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 5, 2018 AT TOWN HALL**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Holly Burbank, Jenny Monahan, Justin Roshak, Dawn Steele, Mary Grote, Peter Grote, Bob Montagno.

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

APPOINTMENTS:

Scott Leslie – Beaver Issue – 439 Wells Road: A resident wrote a letter requesting the Town be responsible for the removal of beaver in a pond on his property that has been dammed by beaver. Town Administrator Burbank advised the Board that she had consulted Legal Counsel regarding the issue and the Board may wish to discuss the topic in non-public session.

The Board entered non-public session at 3:05 pm pursuant to RSA 91-A:3,II(I).

The Board left non-public session at 3:29 pm.

Chairman Brewer made a motion to direct Holly Burbank to write a letter to the resident stating that the Town will not be responsible for the removal of the beavers or pay for the removal of the beavers. Selectman Meth seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

SIGN/APPROVE:

The October 22, 2018 meeting minutes were approved as amended.

The November 8, 2018 Transaction List was reviewed and approved.

Property Tax Abatements for Map 5 Lot 34 & Map 14 Lot 32 were reviewed and approved.

Solar Permit Applications for Map 13 Lot 30 & Map 7 Lot 2 were reviewed and approved.

A Sign Permit Application for Map 7 Lot 2 was reviewed and approved.

Septic Permit Applications for Map 12 Lot 15 & Map 28 Lot 165 were reviewed and approved.

Chairman Brewer signed the Municipal Assessment Data Certificate.

TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:

Liquor License – Centerplate – Cannonball Pub – Peabody Base Lodge: Holly Burbank received a request for a letter of support from the Selectmen for a renewed liquor license for the Cannonball Pub

at Peabody Base Lodge, which is being expanded. The Board agreed to provide the letter of support. Holly also suggested that the Town seek a copy of the plans and building application for the Town and Town Assessor's records. The Board agreed that the Town should obtain copies and provide those records to Avitar Assessing as well.

Issuance of Town Hall Keys: A request for an additional building key was made by a member of the Supervisors of the Checklist. After a brief discussion, the Board decided that the one key for the committee is sufficient for access since the committee meets very infrequently during hours that the building is closed.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE:

Holly said she is predominantly focused on budget work in recent weeks.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Conservation Commission: None.

CIP: Selectman Blodgett said the CIP Committee had not met last week and the week prior had reviewed buildings with Scott Leslie and Kim Cowles.

Energy Commission: Selectman Meth said the next scheduled meeting was in December.

Planning Board: Selectman Meth said the Planners had not met recently and as their next scheduled meeting was on election night, was not sure when the next meeting was going to be scheduled for.

Northern Pass: Selectman Meth said there was nothing new since the announcement that the NH Supreme Court had accepted Eversource's appeal.

Chamber of Commerce: Selectman Blodgett said the Chamber is holding their annual Northern Star award ceremony and dinner at the Maplewood Casino.

Cable Consortium: Selectman Meth said there was a meeting scheduled for November 8th.

OTHER DISCUSSION:

Chairman Brewer said that Town Moderator Jim Walker said that the Board could appoint Holly Burbank to be a Selectman designee at the election during times when a selectman was not present. Holly suggested that both she and Jenny be appointed for additional coverage. The Board then discussed what hours they would each be at the polls.

Chairman Brewer made a motion to appoint Holly Burbank and Jenny Monahan as representatives of the Board of Selectman at the election during times that a Selectman is not present. Selectman Meth seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

PUBLIC INPUT:

Mary Grote spoke to make sure Fish & Game would be notified of the beaver pond issue on Wells Road. Holly assured her that they were copied on the email.

Peter Grote spoke to let people know that the change.org Northern Pass petition is still active and he encouraged people to join it if they wish.

OTHER DISCUSSION:

Chairman Brewer announced that the political signs on the triangle between Mac's and Peabody and Smith's would be removed today as it is Town property.

Selectman Blodgett said there was also discussion from the Chamber of Commerce that it may be a good idea to move the public restroom sign to the triangle as it seems to get missed in its current location.

PUBLIC COMMENT cont.

There was additional discussion about the political campaign signs on the triangle and whether or not State law mandates that they are not placed on Town property.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Monahan
Administrative Secretary