

**TOWN OF FRANCONIA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 3, 2018 AT TOWN HALL**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Holly Burbank, Jenny Monahan, Chief Rick Gaudette, Justin Roshak, Peter Grote, Bob Montagno.

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

APPOINTMENTS:

Chief Rick Gaudette re Fire Safety Issue at Town Hall – Town Administrator Burbank said the State Fire Marshall had inspected the Town Hall last May to assist with some unanswered questions from our own inspectors. The Fire Marshall's report of that inspection indicates a number of safety issues necessitating repairs that will be costly, such as the installation of two hour fire rated ceilings in the basement. At this time the building is not eligible for an assembly permit, which is required to hold gatherings of 50 people or more. There was discussion of having an architect come in to get some pricing so a decision can be made whether to put repair costs on the warrant this year or next. Holly Burbank will check with Alba Architects to find out what their fee would be to review the building inspection report, make a site visit and compile a work estimate. Chairman Brewer suggested reaching out to Bernardette Costa to see if she may be able to find any applicable grants.

Bob Montagno – Art Walk – Bob updated the Board that the committee working on the Art Walk now has a board of directors, has developed a vision statement and is putting a website together. The project now has representation from Franconia, Easton and Sugar Hill and has officially named itself The Franconia Artwork Collaborative. Bob said that the Art Walk will be self sustaining and not require money from the Town. Bob said the Artwalk Collaborative would like to hold a public information meeting mid January.

SIGN/APPROVE:

The November 19, 2018 meeting minutes were approved as amended.

The December 6, 2018 Transaction List was reviewed and approved.

There was a brief discussion about Terra Map Mapping Services agreement. Town Administrator Burbank said the annual cost had increased to \$1917 per year from \$1350 which was originally a discounted offer.

Chairman Brewer made a motion to accept the three year limited agreement with Terra Map Mapping Services. Selectman Meth seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

Town Administrator Burbank said that the Abbie Greenleaf Library Had received a \$25,000 donation from an anonymous donor through the NH Charitable Foundation. The donation is to be deposited into

the Library's Building Maintenance Fund.

Chairman Brewer made a motion to accept the \$25,000 grant to the Abbie Greenleaf Library's Building Maintenance Fund from the NH Charitable Foundation. Selectman Meth seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:

Fiscal Year to Date – Expenditures

Town Administrator Burbank conducted a review of each departments expenditures up to November 30th with the Board. She noted that there were some overages but the bottom line had not been exceeded in any department.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE:

Holly Burbank said the office has been very busy with tax and assessing questions since tax bills were received. She also let the Board know that there were some small parcels that were not previously on the tax rolls but had been added this year.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Principal Johnk sent a letter thanking the Life Squad, Fire and Police Departments for their efforts during Fire Prevention Week and Halloween.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Conservation Commission: Chairman Brewer said the Conservation Commission worked on their Town Report submission, and members of the commission had visited Mckenzie Woods to confirm the property boundaries. They plan to hold a meeting with Franconia Area NEMBA in January.

CIP: Selectman Blodgett said the CIP Committee had met with Scott Leslie regarding the purchase of a new truck for the Highway Department. No decision was made.

Energy Commission: Selectman Meth said the Energy Commission met on November 20th and discussed municipal buildings energy and heating issues.

Planning Board: Selectman Meth said the PB met on November 27th and finished their work on the revised zoning regulations as well as parking provisions and the two public hearings that are required for the zoning changes.

Northern Pass: Selectman Meth said he had spoken with the Town's attorney regarding the warrant articles suggested by an Easton resident. Legal Counsel recommended that the articles should not be placed on the warrant.

Chamber of Commerce: There was no meeting in November.

Cable Consortium: Selectman Meth said there was a meeting scheduled for December 13th.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Bob Montagno asked if the Town could use the Unassigned Fund Balance for the safety issues at Town Hall. Holly said it may be possible but she would need to check with the DRA on it.

Peter Grote said there are some concerns among residents that the economy stimulus will not last and the Town may wish to plan for that possibility by creating a reserve.

The Board entered non-public session at 4:10pm pursuant to RSA 91-A:3,II(a),(c).

The Board left non-public session at 5:04 pm.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:04 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Monahan
Administrative Secretary