

**TOWN OF FRANCONIA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 2018 AT TOWN HALL**

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

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

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

APPOINTMENTS:

None.

SIGN/APPROVE:

The December 3, 2018 meeting minutes were approved as amended.

The December 5, 2018 budget workshop meeting minutes were approved as written.

The December 3, 2018 non-public session minutes were approved as written.

The November 11, 2018 meeting minutes were amended.

The December 20, 2018 Transaction List was reviewed and approved.

Septic Permits for Map 14 Lot 125 & Map 28 Lot 73 were approved.

Municipal Work Zone Agreement: Town Administrator Burbank received a letter from the NH Dept. of Transportation requesting a signed letter from the Town of Franconia stating that the State can do road work and sign installation on state roads in Franconia and have full authority over traffic control. After a brief discussion regarding if the State Police or Franconia Police would provide the traffic control, it was agreed that the Board would sign the letter and Town Administrator Burbank would check with Chief Cashin to confirm that he had no concerns.

North Country Council- Solid Waste Technical Assistance Grant Letter of Support: North Country Council is applying for a grant through the Dept. of Agriculture and requested a letter of support from the Board. There was an error in the pre-drafted letter they sent, so Holly Burbank will correct that and return the letter to the Board to be signed.

PSNH Tax Abatement Cases: Mitchell Municipal Group sent a letter advising that due to staffing issues, they have incorporated attorneys from DTC Lawyers to assist with PSNH abatement cases. The Board signed the letter in acknowledgement.

TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:

Select Board Holiday Meeting Schedule: Town Administrator Burbank reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule and scheduled the regular Select Board meeting for January 2nd at 3:00pm as Monday the 31st is New Year's Eve.

Sam's Place: Sam's Place, a shed at the Transfer Station location was previously given to Kris Pastoriza with some conditions. Town Administrator Burbank let the Board know that the shed is full of large tires on rims and there will be a cost associated with disposing of them. Kris Pastoriza is ready and able to move the shed, but in addition to the tires inside there are concerns about the soundness of the building and how it will handle being moved. Selectman Meth will reach out to Kris regarding the expense of disposing of the tires and see what her thoughts are on the moving process.

Water Commissioner Vacancy: The Board briefly discussed the Water Commissioner vacancy. Town Administrator Burbank said there have been two interested parties and the Select Board appoints the interim commissioner. After a brief discussion, it was decided to wait for the Town to vote rather than appoint someone for the interim.

Chairman Brewer made a motion to wait to fill the Water Commissioner vacancy and allow it to go to town vote. Selectman Meth seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE:

Town Administrator Burbank said she is still working with the Town budget and recently asked department heads to keep spending at a minimum due to end of year.

Selectman Blodgett inquired regarding the demolition of Evergreen Apartments. Town Administrator Burbank said two bids were received but a contractor had not been selected yet. She has also asked Kim Cowles to get some general figures for worst case scenario asbestos abatement to ensure that any unforeseen issues can be dealt with.

CORRESPONDENCE:

An email was received from SNS Computer services expressing frustration in response to a letter the Town had sent him in August in regards to removing his equipment from the Safety Services Building.

Town Administrator Burbank also said the Tri-Town Budget Meeting has been confirmed for January 14th at 4:00 pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Conservation Commission: Meeting tomorrow, December 18th.

CIP: Selectman Blodgett said the CIP Committee is meeting with the Planning Board December 18th.

Energy Commission: Next meeting December 18th.

Planning Board: Selectman Meth said the PB is holding the first public hearing for the Village Mixed Use Ordinance on December 18th.

Northern Pass: Selectman Meth said there was concern among the anti Northern Pass movement that Governor Sununu was nominating Northern Pass supporters for the NH SEC.

Chamber of Commerce: There was no meeting in November, next meeting is December 19th.

Cable Consortium: The December 13th meeting was cancelled. Selectman Meth said there is a meeting scheduled for January 10th.

PUBLIC INPUT:

None.

The Board entered non-public session at 3:47 pm pursuant to RSA 91-A:3,II(a).

The Board left non-public session at 4:00 pm via unanimous voice vote.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:01 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Monahan
Administrative Secretary