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Town of Franconia
Board of Selectmen's Regular Meeting
April 10, 2023 at 6:00PM
at Franconia Town Hall

Board Members Present: Jill Brewer, Eric Meth, Dan Walker
Others Present: Sharon Penney, Jenny Monahan, Tim Brown, Marcia Roosevelt, Mike Betley, Jayne O'Connor, Jeff Bartlett, Lynn Terres, Virginia Mike, Dawn Steele, Mary Grote, Laura Wernick & Robert Hansman

The meeting was called to order at 6:01PM

APPOINTMENTS/WORK SESSIONS

6:00PM – Franconia Area Heritage Council – Tim Brown, Old Home Days/250th Celebration

Update: Tim provided the selectmen with a schedule of events the FAHC is working to organize for the Old Home Days celebration. Tim said there are questions to clarify with the town such as food trucks, trash receptacles and trash pick-up, liability insurance and portable toilets. Marcia Roosevelt reviewed the chart of events she created with the board. She said the town's 200th celebration was reviewed to get some ideas for events for the 250th celebration. Marcia said the theme for the weekend celebration's plan making is “yesterday, today and tomorrow” and outlined events beginning at Pinestead Farm with historical reenactments and later includes several bands, sports games and ceremonies as the events move to the town center. Tim said the concession fees from food vendors are intended to pay for Friday's events.

The need for recruiting volunteers, determining if donations are being solicited, and generally for deciding which planning entities are handling which aspects of the celebration were discussed.

Chairman Brewer asked that a plan for recruiting volunteers is created, more specific information for costs is developed and that a collaborative discussion with Kevin Johnson of the Chamber of Commerce is arranged to confirm plans for Saturday's events. The board would also like to check in with Chief Cashin in regard to the police department's assistance and needs for the celebration..

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dawn Steele asked how contractor bags are charged at the transfer station.

TO SIGN/APPROVE

The regular meeting minutes of April 3, 2023 and the tri-town meeting minutes of April 3, 2023 were approved as written.

The April 7th to April 13th, 2023 transaction list was reviewed and signed by the selectmen.

TO DISCUSS/REVIEW

Mittersill Fire Station Update with Jeremy Hall: Per Selectman Walker's request, Road Agent Jeremy Hall reported to the board on the accumulation of materials and debris at the Mittersill Fire Station from LRW's paving project last year. Jeremy said he spoke with Pete Hilton from LRW and they will help with a clean up effort. Jeremy said the road is posted and it is currently too wet to bring

equipment to the property, but most of the materials and debris can be moved to another location or disposed of. The trench box there will need to stay but it can be placed better for a more tidy appearance. This work will commence around mid-May.

Quotes for Paving: Jeremy presented three quotes for paving and recommended using Central Asphalt Paving Company, which provided the lowest quote.

Chairman Brewer made a motion to sign the contract with Central Asphalt Paving Company for \$97,935.50 to pave Deer Pass Road, Old County Road, Sunset Lane and Wallace Hill Road. Selectman Meth seconded the motion, **motion passes unanimously**.

Building Permit Fees Update: Chairman Brewer read an email from Building Inspector Dave Wiley stating that he recommends raising building permit fees to building, solar and generator application and permitting fees as they are outdated for the amount of time required for review by the building official. The board agreed this was appropriate.

Chairman Brewer made a motion to accept Dave Wiley's recommendations for updating the town's building permit fee schedule. Selectman Walker seconded the motion, **motion passes unanimously**.

MSW Contract: Town Administrator Penney briefly reviewed the discussion with the tri-town boards last week and expressed some concerns about how the towns plan to move forward with potentially ending the contract with Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District (PBSWD) and North Country Environmental Services (NCES) and instead contracting with Mt. Carberry Landfill and a new hauling company. She asked that Selectman Meth communicate reach out to Margo Connors to confirm that Mt. Carberry will accept the town's solid waste as it seems they may have an annual cap on how much waste they can accept and verify that they could begin accepting waste quickly so there would be no overlap between services. Selectman Meth will pursue these clarifications. She also said PBSWD is holding a district meeting on April 18th in Plymouth.

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION

Chairman Brewer updated the board on her meeting with Kevin Johnson and Angel Larcom about the Old Home Days/250th Celebration. She said she agrees that the board should talk with Chief Cashin to review what may be needed for support from the Police Department for parking issues and with Corey Rush about possibly marking parking spaces for Saturday's events.

She said there were also questions about who is soliciting food vendors, how many will be present and what the financial arrangement will be. She asked that Jenny Monahan get more information on that.

Selectman Meth said he was contacted by Laura Wernick and Robert Hansman who live on Old Country Road about a family wedding they are holding at their property this summer. They asked if they could use the turnaround at the end of the road for outdoor dinner seating as they do not have a flat enough area on their land. They brought a certificate showing their insurance policy. Selectman Meth requested that the board approve their request.

Selectman Walker made a motion to allow Laura Wernick and Robert Hansman to use the roundabout at the end of Old County Road for their event on June 24th, 2023. Selectman Walker seconded the motion, **motion passes unanimously**.

Town Administrator Penney updated the board on her meeting with Littleton Fire Chief Chad Miller

and Town Manager Jim Gleason last week. She said they would like to meet with the board again on May 22nd for an progress update, which would be held in Littleton at 5:30pm as has been done previously. She said Chief Miller has outlined some costs for a four year contract and that he is pursuing a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant through FEMA to offset costs to the towns. Town Administrator Penney suggested Chief Miller is added to a future agenda to discuss. After a brief discussion, the board decided that Town Adminsitrator Penney can see if Chief Miller could attend a meeting on May 1st or May 15th.

There was no further discussion from the board. Chairman Brewer made a motion to enter non-public session at 7:18PM pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II(c). Selectman Walker seconded the motion, motion passes unanimously.

The board left non-public session at 7:38PM. Selectman Walker made a motion to enter non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II(c). Selectman Meth seconded the motion, Chairman Brewer voted against entering non-public session. Motion passes.

The board left non-public session at 8:24PM. Selectman Meth made a motion to seal the minutes of the non-public session, seconded by Selectman Walker. Motion passes.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Monahan
Administrative Secretary