

**TOWN OF FRANCONIA  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2022 AT 6:00PM AT TOWN HALL**

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dan Walker, Jill Brewer, Eric Meth

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kim Cowles, Jenny Monahan, Peter Grote, Mary Grote, Dawn Steele, Lynn Terres, Rachel Pluchino, Tyler Gaudette, Kevin Johnson, Tom Allen, Jeff Bartlett, Larry Plate, Mike Betley

**The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm**

**APPOINTMENTS/WORK SESSIONS**

**Franconia Water Department – ARPA Funds – Mittersill Project:** The water department commissioners requested that the town allow the water department to use some or all of the town's \$104,000 of American Rescue Plan Funds for water infrastructure updates, particularly at Mittersill. A public hearing will be held regarding the request.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment was taken from Larry Plate, Dawn Steele and Mike Betley.

**TO SIGN/APPROVE**

The April 11, 2022 transaction report was reviewed and signed by the selectmen.

The minutes of March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 were approved as written and the minutes of March 28<sup>th</sup> 2022 were approved as amended.

**TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:**

**Profile Community Trails – Community Funding Project:** Chairman Brewer said she was contacted by Angela McShane and she said the project may qualify for funding under Community Project Funding within T-HUD through Anne Kuster's office. Angela requested a letter of support from the board of selectmen to submit with the application for funding. The selectmen agreed to show their support by way of a letter and that Chairman Brewer could draft the letter on their behalf.

**Color Patterns for Crosswalks:** The board discussed how the crosswalks would be painted and decided on solid yellow paint for the best visibility.

**Life Squad Update:** Town Administrator Cowles said she met with Chief Schmucker, Chief Gaudette, Assistant Chief Gaudette, Chief McQuillan of Littleton, Town Manager Jim Gleason of Littleton and Selectman Walker to discuss the understaffing of the Life Squad and the town leaning on heavily on Littleton for mutual aid. Town Administrator Cowles said some potential options discussed were using the town's life squad wages to pay Littleton's Life Squad per diem or to staff our department for a twelve hour shift per day using the life squad wages, which would cost approximately \$63,000 from June 1<sup>st</sup> through the end of the year.

**Appointment to North Country Scenic Byways Committee (NCSBC):** Chairman Brewer said she was contacted by Carl Martland to remind her that it was time to appoint a member to the NCSBC. Chairman Brewer reached out to a new resident, Dan Zajic and he is willing to join the committee.

After a brief discussion, Chairman Brewer made a motion to appoint Dan Zajic to the North Country Scenic Byways Committee. Selectman Walker seconded the motion with all voting in favor. **Motion passes.**

**Correspondence:** Town Administrator Cowles said Cindy Berlack is stepping down from the Lafayette Recreation Committee.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Broadband Initiative:** Selectman Meth said the next meeting of the Franconia Broadband Committee is April 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:30 via Zoom.

**Chamber of Commerce:** Selectman Walker said the next meeting is the 19<sup>th</sup> at Woodsville Guaranty

**Conservation Commission:** Chairman Brewer said the P&S agreement for map 17 lot 3 has been signed electronically by both parties and they are now just waiting for the original documents to be returned.

**Energy Commission:** Selectman Meth said the EC next meets on Thursday April 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm at town hall. He also said the RFP for the solar project has been sent out. The EC is also sending a letter of interest to the Northern Border Regional Commission for a grant. Selectman Meth said NHPR ran their story on local municipal solar arrays (to include Franconia's) today.

**Planning Board:** Selectman Meth said the PB met on March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at town hall. He said they have new members and have been working on Rules and Procedures and finishing the Master Plan. The next meeting is the 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at town hall.

**CIP:** No update at this time.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm on a motion from Chairman Brewer and a second from Selectman Walker with all voting in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Monahan  
Administrative Secretary