

**TOWN OF FRANCONIA  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 18, 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, Jayne O'Connor, Dawn Steele, Peter Grote, Mary Grote, Virginia Mike, Monica Laflamme, Lynn Terres, Mike Betley

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

**APPOINTMENTS/WORK SESSIONS**

**Dawn Steele and Monica Laflamme – Master Plan Feedback – Town Goals & Priorities:** Monica said there was a very good response to the master plan survey the planning board recently conducted. She and Pat Garvin reviewed and compiled the responses so are very familiar with the data. A handout of the resident's priorities for the town were provided for the selectmen. Affordable housing was discussed as a key concern for residents and it was suggested that the board develop a five-year plan to address this issue. Dawn Steele said there are funds available from the state to address housing shortages. Short-term rentals and how they may affect future housing needs was also discussed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment was taken from Virginia Mike, Peter Grote, Mike Betley and Mary Grote.

**TO SIGN/APPROVE**

The April 18, 2022 transaction report was reviewed and signed by the selectmen.

The minutes of April 4<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> were approved as written.

**TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:**

**Town Administrator Update:** Town Administrator Cowles said the water line for the Welcome Center is in the process of being installed and the building foundation work will likely begin Thursday or Friday.

The hearing for the Special Town Meeting will be on April 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am at the Superior Court in Haverhill. Town counsel recommended that Town Administrator Cowles and a selectman be present.

Town Administrator Cowles said a fuel leak in the ambulance was discovered by members of the fire department last night. The leak was fixed the following day by the town's mechanic. She said the town is still working with Littleton's Chief McQuillan on a plan to have their squad provide coverage for Franconia. Selectman Walker said he is planning to attend Lin-Wood's Board of Director's meeting on June 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss potential solutions for life squad coverage with them as well.

Tim Blake and Jeremy Hall will be at the next meeting to discuss the purchase of the new skid steer that was approved by voters at town meeting. Their department budgets will also be reviewed with the board at that time.

Town Administrator Cowles and Selectman Walker will attend the chamber of commerce meeting tomorrow to further discuss the chamber's use of the office in the welcome center. She said the water department also expressed interest in moving their office into the welcome center.

The public hearing for the water department's request to use the town's American Rescue Plan Act funds was scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at town hall.

Selectman Walker presented the contract from the company that proposes to assist with auctioning the fire truck online. Chairman Brewer and Selectman Meth agreed to authorize Selectman Walker to execute the contract on the board's behalf.

**Correspondence:** None

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:54pm on a motion from Chairman Brewer and a second from Selectman Walker with all voting in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Monahan  
Administrative Secretary