

**TOWN OF FRANCONIA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 17, 2020 AT 3PM AT TOWN HALL**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Kim Cowles, Jenny Monahan, Mary Grote, Karen Foss, Dawn Steele.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm.

APPOINTMENTS:

None

TO SIGN/APPROVE:

The August 3rd, 2020 meeting minutes were approved as amended.

The August 17th, 2020 transaction list was signed by the Selectmen.

Sign Permit Applications for Map 14 Lot 116 & Map 14 Lot 128 were approved by the Selectmen.

Property Tax Abatement (Waiver of Interest) – 283 Forest Hills Road - the Selectmen waived the interest on a tax payment that was sent but not received because the property owner has always paid their taxes on time historically.

TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:

Selectmen Schedule for Election Day – The Selectmen discussed their availability to be present at the Election on September 8th from 8am to 7pm. Selectman Blodgett can attend from 8am-12pm. Both Selectmen Brewer and Meth will be working during the day but can attend after. To fill any gaps in the schedule, it was suggested that Jenny Monahan can fill in as a Selectmen designee at the Election.

Chairman Brewer made a motion to appoint Jenny Monahan as a representative of the Board of Selectman at the election during times that a Selectman is not present. Selectman Meth seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE:

Town Administrator Cowles said the Secretary of State's Office received 3 million dollars of CARES Act funding to help offset election costs. They recommend that Select Boards appoint Town Clerks as agents to accept and receive the CARES Act funds.

Chairman Brewer made a motion to appoint Town Clerk Carol Wills to serve as the town's agent to accept and receive funds for the CARES Act. Selectman Blodgett seconded the motion with all voting in favor. **Motion passes.**

Town Administrator Cowles said she spoke with Thad and Trevor Presby about the street lights in front of the Franconia Market & Deli. The lighting there is dim due to a lack of light poles in that area. They discussed having two additional poles installed there to brighten that area of Main Street. A representative from Eversource is going to do a site visit evaluation for new service tomorrow, the 18th.

Town Administrator Cowles said she was contacted by a realtor asking when Park View Drive will be adopted by the town as it was approved to be adopted at last Town Meeting. However when Town Administrator Cowles talked to Scott he said the work on the road has not been done yet so it will not be made a town road yet.

In regards to previous discussions about the town's Sign Ordinance, Town Administrator Cowles said she delivered some ordinance information and surveys to local businesses asking for their opinions and is still gathering the information.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cable Consortium: Selectman Meth said Mountain Top Telecom did not receive any grant funds from the CARES Act. Mountain Top Telecom is looking of more information on the funding.

Chamber of Commerce: No update at this time.

Conservation Commission: No update at this time.

Energy Commission: No update at this time.

Planning Board: Selectman Meth said the Planning Board delayed their meeting scheduled on August 11th to August 25th.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Karen Foss inquired about the Fox Hill Cooperative tax abatements and specifically about the unit owned by Joyce Fisher that a supplemental tax warrant was created for.

Mary Grote commented that she is concerned about the Wicked Smart Horn Band concert scheduled to take place on the Dow because of Covid and said she didn't think the event should take place.

Dawn Steele asked about the previous ZBA issue with the Mangold's and whether that issue was resolved as the home is now on the market.

Karen Foss asked about the stairs on the back of the town hall and why it was important to complete them before the election.

Dawn Steele asked about the issues with the Fire Department's Kenmore Pumper truck that was discussed at the last meeting.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:56pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Monahan
Administrative Secretary