

**TOWN OF FRANCONIA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2022 AT 6:00PM AT TOWN HALL**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Walker, Eric Meth

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Chairman Jill Brewer

OTHERS PRESENT: Kim Cowles, Jenny Monahan, Lynn Terres, Mary Grote, Mike Betley, Chief Mac Cashin

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm

APPOINTMENTS/WORK SESSIONS

Chief Cashin – Police Department Update: Chief Cashin said the department's policy handbook update has been completed. He said the updated policies are compliant with the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) standards but the department will not seek official accreditation due to the cost.

Chief Cashin also updated the board on a recent arrest made with the help of a resident. He said there have been many recent thefts of items from unlocked vehicles in the area and over the weekend, resident Danny Ballentine saw an individual accessing the interior of his vehicle in the early morning hours. Mr. Ballentine pursued and apprehended the suspect and was able to detain him until police arrived.

The notch was briefly discussed and Chief Cashin said the parking there has gone well over the summer. Town Administrator Cowles said she was hoping to arrange a meeting with John DeVivo. Cannon Mountain General Manager to work on a solution to some parking lot maintenance issues and will update the board when she has more information.

TO SIGN/APPROVE

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

The minutes of May 16th, 2022 and July 25th, 2022 were approved as amended.

The PA-16 Application for Reimbursement to Towns & Cities in which State & Federal Forest Land is Situated was signed by the selectmen.

A septic application for Daggett – Windago Lane – Map 30 Lot 2-4 was approved by the selectmen.

A septic application for Malcolm W. Brawn Trust – 303 Main Street – Map 14 Lot 126 was approved by the selectmen.

A Driveway Application for Bishop – Franconia Mtns. Road – Map 11.1 Lot 13 was approved by the selectmen.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

Town Administrator Cowles said she is still investigating the Perkin's current use application to make sure the properties qualify as contiguous. She checked with the Dept. of Revenue Administration but was not able to get confirmation of their opinion in writing. She is still looking into it.

Offers have been made to the four Fire/EMS applicants. Town Administrator Cowles plans to meet with Chief McQuillan again in the next couple of weeks to discuss future needs.

Quotes were received for resurfacing the rink, with the best coming from Vermont Recreational Surfacing for approximately \$17,245. Town Administrator Cowles said there is about \$14,000 left in the rink resurfacing fund and she is working on a donation campaign to cover costs above what the town has on reserve, which is about \$3,500.

Chairman Brewer made a motion to accept the contract with Vermont Recreational Surfacing for \$17,245 and accept up to \$4,000 in donations for the purpose of resurfacing the rink. Selectman Meth seconded the motion with all voting in favor. **Motion passes.**

Town Administrator Cowles said Samantha Presby has expressed interest in filling the Franconia seat on the Lafayette Recreation Committee. After a brief discussion, Selectman Walker made a motion to appoint Samantha Presby to the Lafayette Recreation Committee for the remainder of Cindy Berlack's term. Chairman Brewer seconded the motion with all voting in favor. **Motion passes.**

Correspondence: Town Administrator Cowles said she received a letter from a resident commending the building of the new staircase down to the river next to the former Green Frog, stating that it will be much safer for river goers and the job was done well.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Broadband Initiative: Selectman Meth next meeting is scheduled for August 25th at 4:30pm via Zoom.

Chamber of Commerce: No update at this time.

Conservation Commission: Chairman Brewer said the next meeting is August 16th at 4pm at the pavilion.

Energy Commission: Selectman Meth said the next meeting is August 11th. The solar array has been completed but the town is waiting on a new transformer before it can be put on line.

Planning Board: Selectman Meth said the next meeting is August 9th at 7:00pm at tow hall. He said the subcommittee for short-term rental study has been reporting back and he expects they will present their findings to the selectmen in the coming weeks.

The selectmen briefly discussed that voting for the primary will be held September 13th from 8am to 7pm at town hall.

The selectmen discussed the next meeting schedule and decided to reschedule the 22nd meeting to the 29th.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07pm on a motion from Selectman Chairman Brewer and a second from Selectman Walker with all voting in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Monahan
Administrative Secretary