

**TOWN OF FRANCONIA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 7, 2020 HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Kim Cowles, Jenny Monahan, Paul Schmucker, Bill Melekas, Karen Foss, Dawn Steele, Mary Grote, Nate Hanson.

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

APPOINTMENTS:

3:00 – Paul Schmucker – Life Squad Budget Review: Chief Schmucker said he would like to buy a storage shed for supplies out of his 2020 or 2021 budget. Town Administrator Cowles said the shed would cost around \$8,000. He is considering having the shed put in as a line item for next year or purchasing it this year using surplus from his 2020 budget. After a brief discussion, the Selectmen said they approved Chief Schmucker buying a shed using his 2020 budget surplus.

TO SIGN/APPROVE:

The December 7, 2020 transaction list was signed by the Selectmen remotely.

The November 23rd & November 30 minutes were approved as amended.

TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:

Town Administrator Update: Town Administrator Cowles provided additional information to the Selectmen about the previously discussed proposed upgraded service contract with Certified Computers. The annual cost would increase from \$19,500 to \$28,800 per year and include 18 new workstations. The Selectmen asked Town Administrator Cowles to have Certified Computers draw up a contract reflecting the upgrade.

Town Administrator Cowles said Nate Hanson has volunteered to take over as Emergency Management Director to replace Mark Taylor who will serve through the end of the year. The Selectmen thanked and commended Mark Taylor for the great job he did as Emergency Management Director. Nate met the board and provided some information about his background and interest in Emergency Management.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cable Consortium: Selectman Meth said he is still working on putting together a committee to focus on internet access.

Chamber of Commerce: Selectman Blodgett said the chamber will meet this week and they are welcoming two new members.

Conservation Commission: No update.

Energy Commission: Selectman Meth said the EC will meet on the 15th of this month.

Planning Board: Selectman Meth said the PB will meet tomorrow at 7pm.

CIP: No update.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Town Administrator Cowles touched briefly on the proposal to install new sidewalks on Main Street and the Selectmen scheduled a walk on the sidewalk for tomorrow, December 8th at 3:15pm.

PUBLIC INPUT:

None.

The Board entered non public session at 3:34 for reasons of personnel.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:58pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Monahan
Administrative Secretary