

TOWN OF FRANCONIA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2023 AT 6:00PM AT TOWN HALL

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Sharon Penney, Jenny Monahan, Mike & Tina Betley, Lynn Terres, Larry Plate, Steven Schwartz, Jayne O'Connor, Dawn Steele

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm

APPOINTMENTS/WORK SESSIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was taken from Dawn Steele and Tina Betley in regard to the life squad servicing Cannon Mtn. Larry Plate commented on the Feb. 6th meeting minutes not yet being posted to the website. Larry Plate asked if the board will be paying a particular invoice for work on the welcome center. Larry Plate asked about security cameras on the welcome center in regard to a recent issue with a bathroom sink coming off the wall there.

TO SIGN/APPROVE

The February 13th, 2023, transaction report was reviewed and signed by the selectmen.

The minutes of February 6, 2023 were approved as written by the selectmen on a motion from Chairman Brewer and a second from Selectman Walker.

TO DISCUSS/REVIEW

GASB #75 – Actuarial Valuation – Quote and MOU from Jefferson Solutions, Inc.: Town Administrator Penney informed the board that the auditors informed her and Jenny Monahan that the town is required to complete GASB #75 Actuarial Valuation reporting this year. She said the reporting is done biennially and as we were not aware that the reporting needed to be completed this year, the expense of the reporting will need to be added to the budget. She presented a quote and memorandum of understanding from Jefferson Solutions, Inc. to complete the reporting for the cost of \$3,350 and said this is the firm the town has used to complete the reporting in prior years. The selectmen had previously reviewed the contract via email. After a brief discussion, Selectman Walker made a motion to accept the proposal and memorandum of understanding from Jefferson Solutions, Inc. to complete the town's GASB #75 reporting. Selectman Meth seconded the motion with all voting in favor. ***Motion passes.***

Property Tax Abatements – Map 13 Lot 34-T16: Tax Collector Wills requested abatements (first and second issue for 2022) for a camper at Fransted Campground that was registered with the Dept. of Motor Vehicles so should not have been charged property taxes. The abatement amounts requested

totaled \$24. The selectmen granted the abatements.

CORRESPONDENCE: Town Administrator Penney read Jenny Monahan's offer letter from the board of selectmen officially reinstating her to full-time status.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Broadband Initiative: Selectmen Meth said the next meeting is Thursday, Feb. 16th at 4:30pm via Zoom. He said they will be discussing the presentation they will make at town meeting.

Chamber of Commerce: Selectman Walker said the Chamber meets tomorrow morning at 9am at Woodsville Guaranty. The Chamber also has a new website.

Conservation Commission: Chairman Brewer said the CC most recently met Thursday, Feb. 2nd. They discussed that the Grote property is now officially a wildlife sanctuary and walking on the land will be permitted. She also said the CC is collaborating with a professor from Plymouth State University and she will be bringing students to Franconia to conduct wildlife inventory on ACT properties.

Energy Commission: Selectman Meth said the EC next meets Tuesday, Feb. 21st at 4:30pm at town hall. He said they continue to work towards getting the solar installation at town hall operational and continue to discuss Community Choice Aggregation.

Planning Board: Selectman Meth said the planners meet tomorrow evening at 7pm at town hall.

The board acknowledged recent media coverage about Officer Pilotte and that the town will be seeking an additional full-time officer. The selectmen said they were aware throughout the process with the state's attorney general's office.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:36pm on a motion from Chairman Brewer and a second from Selectman Walker.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jenny Monahan
Administrative Secretary