

**DRAFT**

**Town of Franconia  
Board of Selectmen’s Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
at 3PM at Town Hall**

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**Board Members Present:** Jill Brewer, Dan Walker  
**Others Present:** Libby Staples, Jenny Monahan, Larry Plate, Jan Cole

**The meeting was called to order at 3:00PM.**

**Public Comment**

Chair Brewer acknowledged an email she received from Jan Cole and said she is looking into her questions.

Larry Plate commented that his electricity has been more expensive with Franconia Community Power Coalition than it was with Eversource. Larry also commented that there are downed trees on Plantation Road from a 2016 flood and asked how the trees could be removed. Larry asked about the town calendar and said the recent select board meeting time was not updated and the Planning Board schedule has not been accurate.

**To Sign/Approve**

The minutes of January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026 were approved as written and the minutes of January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026 were approved as amended.

The January 23<sup>rd</sup> thru January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Transaction List was approved.

**Septic Application** – Collman Family Trust – 37 Dow Avenue – Approved.

**Property Tax Abatement - Ackley Family Trust** – Approved on a motion from Chair Brewer for \$10.99, seconded by Selectmen Walker.

**Management Letter** – Chair Brewer signed the annual Management Letter for the 2025 audit from Plodzic & Sanderson.

**Buildings & Grounds Maintenance Shed Garage Door Quote** – Town Administrator Staples said the garage door at the maintenance shed is broken and the door will not go up or down. One quote has been received so far for \$5,508. \$3,758 would need to be paid up front for the materials. The was discussed and the board would like more information about the nature of the problem with the door and a determination on whether it can be repaired rather than replaced.

**Wicked Smart Horn Band OHD Contract** – The board accepted a contract with the WSHB to play for Old Home Day for \$1,800 which includes a \$500 deposit to be paid in advance.

**Investment Policy** – The board readopted the town’s investment policy which is done annually. There were no changes made to the policy since its last adoption.

**Raffle Application – Gale River Cooperative Preschool** – Approved by the board on a motion from Chair Brewer and second from Selectman Walker.

**Damaged Fire Truck** – Town Administrator Staples said one of the fire trucks was damaged by hitting a rock when responding to a call in Lincoln. The repair is anticipated to be around \$10,000. The truck is fully operational and would be fixed in the spring and would be in the shop for about a month. She said there is money in the budget for this.

### **Appointments/Work Sessions**

**Daniel Zajic – Town Website** – Resident Dan Zajic is a software engineer and recently learned through meeting minutes that a new website was planned to be proposed to voters for \$30,000. Dan said he is confident that he could create a website for the town that is improved from the current weebly site for free. Dan reviewed that the current site has major issues: single admin login (security risk), not responsive on mobile, and poor accessibility. His recommendation is to utilize an open-source static website approach which would be low cost and easily edited and allow for multi-user editing with individualized user data. Dan recommends a committee of 2-4 people to design a new site after initially using a visually similar site, which he demo’d for the board, and redesigning the site incrementally with the committee and possibly an artistic designer. A small budget should be in place for domain fees and any other small expenses that may come up.

After the demo and discussion, the board decided to remove the new website from the warrant and move forward with Daniel’s proposal.

**Thad Presby – Presby Maintenance Shop** – Thad said that years back they had proposed that the town may wish to purchase their maintenance facility next to the Highway Garage. That didn’t come to fruition at the time but they have recently become more serious about building a new facility. Thad provided documentation with a summary about the facility and its components. He feels it is very much in line with the town’s needs for a new Highway Department facility. This was proposed for consideration and further discussion if the town is interested in pursuing.

Lastly, there was a brief discussion about the 2026 Proposed Budget Hearing on February 2<sup>nd</sup> to finalize some details and when we would set up prior to the hearing.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:04PM.

Respectfully,

Jenny Monahan  
Executive Assistant