Town of Franconia Board of Selectmen's Regular Meeting Monday, January 29th, 2024 at 6:00PM at Town Hall

Board Members Present: Jill Brewer, Dan Walker

Board Members Absent: Eric Meth

<u>Others in Attendance</u>: Libby Staples, Jenny Monahan, Jan Cole, Steve Plant, Larry Plate, Karen Foss, Ann Steuernagel, Peter & Mary Grote, Dawn Steele, Littleton Chief Chad Miller, unknown gentleman, Mike & Tina Betley, Carol Walker.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01PM.

Appointments/Work Sessions

Ann Steuernagel – EMS and Town Wide Communications: Ann expressed ideas about disseminating information to the townspeople as she receives many inquiries about town projects and issues from those visiting the library. The idea of a newsletter was briefly discussed but it was decided that library personnel letting inquirers know that selectmen minutes are available on the website would be an adequate solution at this time. Ann also had questions about EMS which she waited to address with Chief Chad Miller.

Chief Chad Miller – EMS Update: Chief Miller provided a handout to the board addressing some questions he had received about the ambulance service Littleton has provided to Franconia (see attached). He also fielded some questions from residents about call statistics (the state park generates the most calls), revenue sharing, the status of Franconia's ambulance vehicle (it would be returned to Franconia upon dissolution of the EMS agreement).

Public Comment

Dawn Steele thanked the board for their work on the EMS agreement with Littleton. Dawn inquired about the status of the sign at Plain Kates. Dawn asked that her comments in last week's minutes are amended. Larry Plate pointed out an error in January 8th minutes. Tina Betley asked about the status of a marquis sign for town hall. Mike Betley pointed out that approved period of use for the commemorative plates expired December 31st.

To Sign/Approve

The minutes of January 8th, 2024 and January 22nd, 2024 were approved as amended.

The January 26th to February 1st, 2024 transaction list was reviewed and approved by the selectmen.

To Discuss Review

Correspondence: Chairman Brewer signed an acknowledgement from the town's auditors scheduling the audit for April 8th.

Town Administrator Staples provided a quote for replacing the two boilers at town hall for \$23,292. She said there is money available in the town buildings expendable trust to cover this cost.

Selectman Walker made a motion to expend \$23,292 from the Town Buildings ETF for the purpose of town hall boiler upgrades. Chairman Brewer seconds, motion passes.

Chairman Brewer made a motion to enter non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(b) at 7:06PM, seconded by Selectman Walker.

The board resumed the public session at 7:46PM. With no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 7:46PM on a motion from Selectman Walker and a second from Chairman Brewer.

Respectfully,

Jenny Monahan Executive Assistant