

**Town of Franconia
Board of Selectmen's Regular Meeting
Monday, January 8, 2024
at 6PM at Town Hall**

Board Members Present: Jill Brewer, Eric Meth, Dan Walker

Others in Attendance: Libby Staples, Jenny Monahan, Dawn Steele, Mary Grote, Keith Batchelder, Bruce Hadlock, unknown gentleman

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM.

Appointments/Work Sessions

Kevin Johnson – Old Home Day 2024 Date: Kevin Johnson was not able to attend the meeting. The board decided to hold Old Home Day on July 13th, 2024. Jenny will let Kevin know of this.

Public Comment

In regard to the pending EMS agreement with the Town of Littleton that will appear on the 2024 warrant, Keith Batchelder asked the board to review the handling of EMS services for Cannon Mountain and reach out to Sarah Stewart at the NH Division of Natural and Cultural Resources for assistance.

Bruce Hadlock suggested that the board write a letter to the county for assistance with EMS.

Dawn Steele commented that having a member of the planning board also serve on the ZBA could be a conflict of interest according to Tara Bamford and maybe the town should check with an attorney. Dawn also said it takes a long time for the planning board to get their minutes on the website.

Mary Grote also commented about planning board minutes being late to the website.

Bruce Hadlock said he doesn't think the town did a very good job handling the aftermath of the recent storm on private properties.

Sign/Approve

The minutes of December 4, 2023 were approved as written.

An updated transaction report for December 29th, 2023 and the transaction report for January 5th, 2024 to January 11th, 2024 was reviewed and approved by the board.

To Discuss/Review

Highway Generator to Lafayette School – Town Administrator Staples said Emergency Management Director Nate Hanson approached her about changing the emergency shelter location from town hall to the school and donating an unused power generator owned by the town to the school for that purpose. He said the school is a more appropriate facility to use as a shelter as it has more space, more bathrooms, more parking and a kitchen.

Selectman Walker made a motion to donate the unused generator to Lafayette Elementary. Selectman Walker seconded the motion with all voting in favor. **Motion passes.**

Correspondence: Town Administrator Staples shared a letter with the board from Brian Koeller asking to purchase a piece of town owned property. The board briefly discussed the process for selling town owned property but need to look into the details of the property.

Other Updates

Selectman Meth said the meeting at the Sugar Hill Meeting House for the county to accept funds from the federal government went well and was attended by state officials and federal government representatives.

The non-public session was canceled from the agenda.

Chairman Brewer said she received lots of feedback from residents commending the work the highway department did on the storm repairs.

Town Administrator Staples said the tri-town meeting will be held on January 22nd at 4:30PM at Franconia town hall to review recreation and transfer station budgets. The 2024 Proposed Budget Hearing will be held on Monday, February 5th at 6:30PM at Lafayette School. The Budget Advisory Committee meeting will be held on January 18th at town hall from 10AM to noon.

Additional Public Comment

Bruce Hadlock provided additional comments on EMS services.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:43PM.

Respectfully,

Jenny Monahan
Executive Assistant