

**TOWN OF FRANCONIA**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REGULAR MEETING**  
**MONDAY, JULY 12, 2021 AT TOWN HALL AT 3PM**

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Eric Meth, Dan Walker

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jill Brewer

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kim Cowles, Jenny Monahan, Chief Mac Cashin, Mary Grote, Dawn Steele, Peter Grote, Lynn Terres

The meeting was called to order at 3:02pm.

**TO SIGN/APPROVE:**

The July 12, 2021 transaction list was reviewed and signed by the Selectmen.

**APPOINTMENTS/WORK SESSIONS:**

**3:00pm – Chief Cashin – PD Update and Budget Review:** Chief Cashin said he has been using a new Excel system to record expenditures since the end of last year and its working very well. He then reviewed his year-to-date budget with the selectmen, commenting that everything is on track for this point in the year but he may go over on his Fuel budget line as it was reduced last year due to the budget cut approved by voters at town meeting. There was also a brief discussion about the Dodge Charger being scheduled for replacement next year and that the department's policies are in the process of being updated.

**DISCUSS/REVIEW:**

**Town Administrator Update:** Town Administrator Cowles said Old Home Day, held for the first time this year July 10<sup>th</sup>, instead of the weekend prior to July 4<sup>th</sup> went great. Due to positive feedback from residents, better pricing on fireworks and increased availability of entertainment, Town Administrator Cowles would like to set the date for next year on the weekend after as well and the board authorized her to do so.

Town Administrator Cowles said there is a meeting tomorrow morning at 8am at town hall to discuss the Welcome Center. She said that the American Rescue Plan funds could be used to update the water infrastructure for the Welcome Center and North Country Council said that would perfectly fulfill the intention of the funds.

On Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup>, the company will be coming to set the granite curbing. Town Administrator Cowles said that it would look much nicer to use new granite for the sidewalk curbing and repurpose the old curbing for use in the town hall parking lot. Purchasing the new curbing would cost \$6,000.

Selectman Meth made a motion to add \$6,000 to the curb contract. Selectman Walker seconded the motion and all voted in favor. **Motion passes.**

Town Administrator Cowles said she and Dawn Steele met to discuss creating an RFP for a new assessing company as the town is finishing its five year contract with Avitar this year. They found an RFP from the Town of Littleton for an assessing company and adapted it to work for Franconia. They will send the RFP out to assessing companies throughout the state.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Broadband Initiative Committee:** Selectman Meth said there is a meeting on Friday July 30<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

**Chamber of Commerce:** Selectman Walker said the Chamber meets Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Conservation Commission:** No update.

**Energy Commission:** Selectman Meth said the next meeting is July 15th at the pavilion at 4:30pm and they plan to continue their work on the on solar ordinances.

**Planning Board:** Selectman Meth said the Planning Board meets July 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at town hall and plan to continue working on the Master Plan and town wide survey.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

Dawn Steele said she finds the letter from the NH Charitable Foundation advising the town that they will be administering a donation for the Welcome Center to have confusing language. This was discussed at length.

Peter Grote suggested having town counsel review the letter.

Dawn Steele asked about the Water Department's previous loan and what work still needs to be done that the loan did not pay for. Selectman Walker gave her some information.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10pm on a motion from Selectman Meth and a second from Selectman Walker.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jenny Monahan  
Administrative Secretary