

**TOWN OF FRANCONIA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 25TH, 2022 AT 6:00PM AT TOWN HALL**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Walker, Eric Meth

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Chairman Jill Brewer

OTHERS PRESENT: Kim Cowles, Lynn Terres, Mary Grote, Mike Betley, Larry Plate

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm

APPOINTMENTS/WORK SESSIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was taken from Mike Betley and Larry Plate.

TO SIGN/APPROVE

The July 25th, 2022 transaction report was reviewed and signed by the selectmen.

The minutes of June 27th, 2022 were approved as amended and the minutes of July 11th, 2022 were approved as written.

The PA-16 Application for Reimbursement to Towns & Cities in which State & Federal Forest Land is Situated was signed by the selectmen.

A septic application for Bishop/Dice – Map 22 Lot 11.1-13 was approved by the selectmen.

A Current Use Application for Perkins Joint Revocable Trust was reviewed by the selectmen. Due to the application being for four separate lots that are bisected by the road, the selectmen opted to confirm that the parcels qualify for current use before approving the application. Town Administrator Cowles will inquire with the Dept. of Revenue Administration.

The selectmen signed a Land Use Change Tax warrant for \$14,900 for Map 19 Lot 10-12.1, Sarah O'Grady Trust of 2019, which is being taken out of current use.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

Town Administrator Cowles said the Wright Mower that the town has been trying to sell has been sold for \$3,500. She also said the new highway department truck should be arriving within a month and after that has arrived the town could sell the truck it is replacing.

Selectman Walker said the chamber of commerce accepted a bid for the demolition and removal of the former chamber of commerce building.

Town Administrator Cowles said four candidates for fire department/EMS staff were interviewed last Friday and all were qualified and will be offered shifts. A fifth candidate will also be interviewed this week.

Town Administrator Cowles said a Conex box has been ordered for the transfer station to store more recyclables. They are still working on securing a new Skid Steer.

Due to a resident inquiring about recommendations by the auditors, there was a discussion about having a scale at the transfer station.

Town Administrator Cowles said the police have been working a lot of special duty this summer due to construction in the notch and the hourly rate has been increased to be more favorable to the town.

Town Administrator Cowles said she reached out to CIP members with a proposed meeting schedule which would begin in August.

Correspondence: Town Administrator Cowles said she received a letter from a company called Arrow Smith looking to lease land in Fox Hill Park to erect a cell tower. She does not believe the conservation easement there would allow for that.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Broadband Initiative: Selectman Meth said the Franconia Broadband Committee met last Thursday and had a presentation from NH Electric Co-op to be an internet service provider.

Chamber of Commerce: Selectman Walker said the Chamber has contracted with Presby Construction to remove the former chamber building.

Conservation Commission: No update.

Energy Commission: Selectman Meth said the Energy Commission met on July 14th. The solar array is in progress.

Planning Board: Selectman Meth said the PB is not meeting tomorrow as scheduled.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm on a motion from Selectman and a second from Selectman Walker with all voting in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Monahan
Administrative Secretary