

**Town of Franconia
Board of Selectmen's Regular Meeting
Monday, July 28th, 2025
at 4PM at Town Hall**

Board Members in Attendance: Jill Brewer. Eric Meth

Board Members Absent: Dan Walker

Others Present: Libby Staples, Jenny Monahan, Michelle Sauque, Steve Schwartz, Jan Cole, Carol Walker

The meeting was called to order at 4:04PM.

Public Comment

Michelle Sauque said the Ammonoosuc River Local Advisory Committee expanded their membership to include those who are not located directly on the Ammonoosuc. Michelle would like to join the committee and requested the board's support. The board signed the form authorizing Michelle to be Franconia's representative. Michelle also asked what can be done about the trash behind a building at Stonybrook Motel that is attracting wildlife and creating an unsightly mess that is visible to residents of Sawmill Lane. Town office will look into this.

Carol Walker again asked about the ditches along Route 116 being repaired, the status of the handicap lift being repaired, the stop sign that is knocked down on Rockwood Road and the collection of items and equipment on a property on Easton Road.

Steve Schwartz commented on making the Roads Committee a permanent citizen led committee as recommended by the roads study the committee did last year and pondered how members could be solicited.

To Sign/Approve

The minutes of June 30, 2025 were approved as written.

The board reviewed and approved the July 25th thru July 31st, 2025 transaction list.

Dept. of Revenue Administration Letter Re: PA-28 Inventory of Taxable Property Form – signed by the board.

EMS Agreement Extension with Town of Littleton Fire and Rescue – The board signed the extended agreement going through December 31, 2026.

To Discuss/Review

Clock Tower Painting Quotes: Selectman Meth provided two quotes for painting the clock tower and cupola at the academy. Moosehead Painting is \$6,170 for one coat and \$8,925 for two coats. Nate Alberts Painting's quote is \$6,200. There are a few more questions for the painting companies, no decisions made at this time.

Highway Temp Hires: Town Administrator Staples said that a temporary, seasonal employee has been located for the Highway Department. He has a CDL and the position will pay \$24 per hour. Chair Brewer made a motion to hire the seasonal highway employee for \$24 per hour. Selectman Meth seconds.

Frost Place Lease Agreement: Town Administrator Staples said as part of pursuing an L-CHIP grant to do work on the foundation at the Frost Place, personnel from LCHIP will be visiting the Frost Place tomorrow to learn more about the proposed project for grant funding. Town Administrator Staples said part of the conversation has been whether the town will take over if the Friends of the Frost Place dissolves for any reason or becomes unable to steward the property. Town Administrator Staples and Selectmen Walker will be attending the meeting at the Frost Place tomorrow. Informational discussion only, no decisions made.

Library Request to Sell Leftover PVC Pipes: Town Administrator Staples said several years ago the town purchased a large quantity of PVC piping for a project that was being funded by an anonymous donor. The piping was not used and the library would like to sell the pipes and receive the funds. As the town owns the pipes that the donor funded, the town would need to sell the pipes and grant the funds to the library. The board agreed to move forward with this.

Additional Business: The board signed the Safe Routes to School agreement that was discussed with Bruce Caplain at the last meeting. Chair Brewer said Bruce Caplain contacted her and said Bike the North Country would like to put in two more trail crossing signs in addition to the sign that was discussed for Wallace Hill. The other signs would be near the Horse and Hound and on Wells Road.

Selectman Meth said he was contacted by the PR Director at Fidium to see if the town would be interested in holding a ceremony commemorating the completion of the fiber installation project. Selectman Meth suggested something could be done at a selectboard meeting? He will get more information.

Chair Brewer made a motion to enter non-public session at 4:44PM pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(a),(e). The board left non-public session at 5:09PM and immediately adjourned.

Respectfully, Jenny Monahan
Executive Assistant