



TOWN OF FRANCONIA

INCORPORATED 1764

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 12, 2017 AT 3 O'CLOCK PM AT TOWN OFFICES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Eric Meth, CHAIRMAN- Ms. Bernadette Costa —Ms. Jill Brewer.

OTHERS PRESENT: Ms. Holly Burbank Town Administrator- Christopher Gautreau Admin Asst.

INVITED GUESTS: NONE

GENERAL PUBLIC: Mary Grote, Trevor Presby, Lydia Cumbee, Barbara Holt, Phil Krill.

The regular meeting was called to order at 3:10 PM by MR. Eric Meth- BOS CHAIRMAN

ITEMS FOR REVIEW/APPROVAL/DENIAL/DISPOSITION

1) MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 05, 2017 REGULAR MEETING

Ms. Brewer made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Mr. Meth seconded the motion with all in favor.

2) TRANSACTION LIST – June 15, 2017

The June 15, 2017 transaction list was reviewed and approved.

3) Habitat for Humanity Driveway Permit: A driveway permit for Habitat for Humanity, Map12-Lot 39, and Sub-Lot3 was reviewed and approved.

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS

3:00 PM

RE: - BOB WHITNEY IN REGARDS TO TREE REMOVAL

ACTION(S) Postponed

3:15 PM

RE: NON-PUBLIC SESSION FOR LEGAL MATTERS

ACTION(S) Postponed

TOPICS FOR REVIEW/UPDATE/ DISCUSSION

1) **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR HOLLY BURBANK:**

Holly reported that the Fire Rescue truck is back in service.

Holly also reported that Greg would not be able to purchase the replacement container this year using funds from The Transfer Station Special Revenue Fund, as that would require a vote from all three towns at their respective Town Meeting.

2) **Franconia Area Heritage Council Lease Agreement:**

Holly reported that the lease agreement had expired in 2007. There was a brief discussion regarding who was in charge of indoor and outdoor maintenance. It is agreed that the FAHCL will be responsible for indoor maintenance and the town will be responsible for outdoor maintenance. Holly will have the contract ready for signature at the next scheduled Board Meeting. Ms. Costa advised that Kim Cowles be notified with the updates and boundaries of the amended agreement.

3) **Capital Improvement Program Committee :**

A lengthy discussion was initiated by Mr. Meth pertaining to a 2002 warrant in regards to the structure and management of the CIP Committee. The discussion centered on the process and communication(s) between the Board of Selectman and the committee. NH RSA 674:5 was also folded into the discussion and the interrelation between the mission, structure, and process.

Mr. Trevor Presby was in attendance and discussed the importance of recruiting members of varying backgrounds which makes for a more homogenous and fruitful committee. Mr. Presby was concerned about redundancy in the process and that a more streamlined approach would help to address this concern.

Holly spoke to a second article written by The NH Municipal Association pertaining to the CIP and the “bridge” between the BOS and the committee.

4) **Draft MS-535:**

Holly reported that the auditors have completed and uploaded the draft budget MS-535 to the NH DRA portal, and asked for The Board to review for any changes for submitting to DRA. Holly stated that we were \$97,349 under budget and with no changes to the draft, that amount will go to our fund balance. Holly will upload the MS-535 for DRA review.

5) **AirBnB:**

Ms. Costa noted that this topic falls under and within a legal structure and should be addressed in closed non-public setting. Mr. Meth agreed with this.

COMMITTEE REPORTING

PLANNING BOARD:

The Planning Board is preparing for the June 13, 2017 meeting with the hopes of having a quorum for discussing important issues at their next meeting.

Mr. Meth will be reporting on MTAG at the next scheduled Board meeting.

Ms. Costa questioned whether the BOS can act on Planning Board matters in lieu of a quorum.

CIP COMMITTEE: N/A

ENERGY COMMITTEE:

Eric signed a letter to be mailed to the contractor chosen for the LED Street Lighting Replacement Project.

NORTHERN PASS:

Mr. Meth gave a brief update regarding Northern Pass.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION: Jill brewer gave a brief update regarding The Conservation Commission. Holly noted that Jim Alden will not be in attendance at the Commission's next scheduled meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Lydia Cumbee:

Ms. Cumbee addressed the Board concerning climate change. Ms. Cumbee opined that climate change is a political issue, and hoped that the Board of Selectman would refrain from addressing any favoritism either pro or con.

Ms Brewer addressed the topic stating that for some it is a hot-button issue, but not a political one, and that her focus is in ensuring that Franconia is a wonderful place to live and work, as well as being a dynamic and beautiful place for families and citizens to recreate and live. Ms. Brewer verbalized her respect for Ms. Cumbee's concern and thanked her for coming in to share her thoughts.

*** Ms. Costa made a motion to enter non-public session at 5:02 pm for Legal and Personnel Matters as per RSA 91-A:3, II (c)(e). Ms. Brewer seconded the motion with all in favor.**

Prepared and respectfully submitted by:

Mr. Christopher J. Gautreau

Admin. Assistant

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