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**Town of Franconia
Board of Selectmen’s Regular Meeting
Monday, March 16, 2026
at 4PM at Town Hall**

Board Members Present: Dan Walker, Gene Leeds

Board Members Attending Remotely: Eric Meth

Others Present: Libby Staples, Jenny Monahan, Jan Cole, Larry Plate, Steve Plant, Kim Cowles

The meeting was called to order at 4:01PM.

Appointments/Work Sessions

Vote for Selectboard Chair: Selectman Walker was elected chair on a motion from Selectman Leeds and a second by Selectman Walker.

Steve Plant – Town Streetlights: Steve said he had done some research on the streetlights due to some streetlights being out in town, and learned that the lights are under warranty until February 2028. He said we used to have spare bulbs on hand but those have been depleted over the years and the agreement with Eversource is that the town is supposed to provide the replacement fixture for Eversource to do the replacement. It sounds like we were supposed to return the burnt-out bulbs to Affinity (the company that did the LED installation) after the replacement, but they were primarily taken by Eversource. Steve suggested that we order some replacement lights, most of the fixture in town take the same bulb, and see if we can get some of the former replaced bulbs provided by Affinity as was part of the warranty. The price range for the different types of bulbs throughout the town is between \$115 to \$340, but most of the bulbs the town uses are on the lower end.

There was also a discussion about developing a process for overseeing the streetlights replacement as an inventory of the poles will need to be taken so that information can be given to Eversource and the town can order the corresponding bulbs. Selectman Meth said he could speak with the Energy Commission about it.

Public Comment

Larry Plate asked about the amount of building permits in progress and Certificates of Occupancy issued and whether the assessors will be picking up new builds for the re-evaluation to take place this year.

Larry asked about the clean up of downed trees on Plantation Road and if it will take place this year.

Larry said he switched back to Eversource as his electricity provider as it is cheaper than the Community Power rate.

Larry also said the February 9th and March 9th minutes were not on the site.

To Sign/Approve

- The minutes of February 9th and March 9th, 2026 were tabled.
- Transaction List – March 13th thru March 19th, 2026 – Approved.
- MS-232 – signed by Chair Walker and Selectman Leeds
- Delegation of Deposit Authority – signed by Selectman Leeds and Treasurer Steve Plant

Jan Cole updated Selectman Meth on her discussion with the attorney who contacted the town about taking responsibility for the scholarship from the now defunct White Mountains School. She said she is waiting to hear back from him regarding whether the fund could be split between Littleton and Profile schools only so there would be less difficulty with coordination and delegation of the funds.

To Discuss/Review

Correspondence: None

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:31PM.

Respectfully,

Jenny Monahan
Executive Assistant