

**Town of Franconia  
Board of Selectmen's Regular Meeting  
Monday, March 18, 2024  
at 4PM at Town Hall**

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**Board Members Present:** Jill Brewer, Dan Walker

**Board Members Absent:** Eric Meth

**Others Present:** Libby Staples, Jenny Monahan, Dawn Steele, Peter & Mary Grote, Jan Cole, Jeff Sabados

**The meeting was called to order at 4:03PM.**

**Public Comment**

Jan Cole commented about the scope and expense of the refrigerated ice rink project. Dawn Steele supported Jan's comment and also commented about noise from pickleball being a potential issue at the ice rink. Dawn commented about the amendments made to RSA 91-A. Dawn commented about police retention as it relates to comments made at town meeting. Mary Grote commented about the new selectmen's meeting schedule. Dawn commented about the new time for the selectmen's meeting. Jeff Sabados commented about the issue with his property and his willingness to work with the town towards resolution.

**To Sign/Approve**

The minutes of March 4, 2024 were approved as written.

The selectmen reviewed and approved the March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 transaction list.

**Correspondence**

Town Administrator Staples said there are two open spots on the recreation board due to expired terms and she received an email from Kristin Wadsworth expressing interest in being appointed to the recreation board as a Franconia representative. She also received a request from Adam Boyer to be reappointed.

Chairman Brewer made a motion to reappoint Adam Boyer to the Lafayette Recreation Committee for one year and Kristin Wadsworth to the Lafayette Recreation Committee for a three-year term. Selectman Walker seconds, **motion passes.**

Town Administrator Staples received an email from Jennifer Opalinski asking if the town would consider being a co-applicant for a Northern Borders Regional Commission grant for the ice rink refrigeration project as the newly formed organization has not had their 501c3 status approved as of yet. The board discussed this briefly and Chairman Brewer and Selectman Walker both agreed that the town should stay separate in regard to the grant application.

Town Administrator Staples said the library received a \$10,000 grant from the American Library Association that they hope to use towards updating their bathroom to ADA compliance.

Chairman Brewer made a motion that the town accept the unanticipated funds of \$10,000 from the Libraries Transforming Communities Accessible Small Rural Communities Grant for the Abbie Greenleaf Library towards an ADA accessible bathroom. Selectman Walker seconds, **motion passes.**

Town Administrator Staples also had an invoice from HEB Engineering for \$2,500 for continued work on the grant for the Wells Road culvert. It was previously discussed that the town may wish to use InvestNH grant monies for this expense. The board agreed to use \$2,500 of InvestNH grant funds for this purpose.

Town Administrator Staples provided the MS-232 to the board for signature and it was signed by Chairman Brewer and Selectman Walker.

Town Administrator Staples said the new fire truck payment has been pushed back to August 1<sup>st</sup> as the truck is not ready yet.

Chairman Brewer said she is working on a letter to state officials about the town's EMS tax burden as it relates to calls from Cannon Mountain and the nursing home. She will send it to Town Administrator Staples so the other selectmen can review.

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

Respectfully,

Jenny Monahan  
Executive Assistant