

**TOWN OF FRANCONIA  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2022 AT 6:00PM AT TOWN HALL**

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dan Walker, Jill Brewer, Eric Meth

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jenny Monahan, Peter Grote, Mary Grote, Jan Cole, Lynn Terres, Dawn Steele, Sally Small, Dinny Richmond, Larry Plate, Mike & Tina Betley, Ginny Jeffryes, Ann Foss, Jayne O'Connor, Allan Clark.

**The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm**

**APPOINTMENTS/WORK SESSIONS**

**6:00 – Building Official Allan Clark, Welcome Center Proposals:** Allan said the RFP was sent to eight construction firms and proposals were received from Conneston Construction and TCD Construction. He said the second-floor storage was removed from the building plan and the building will be very efficient, low maintenance and durable. He said Conneston's guaranteed maximum price is \$432,700. TCD's guaranteed maximum price is \$557,600. Allan recommends that the town contract with Conneston for \$425,000 (he said he has found a few places already to save the additional \$7,000 that Conneston quoted) and authorize Town Administrator Cowles to sign the contract. Conneston anticipates the building being completed in a 12-week time frame, with the goal of having it be complete by Old Home Day.

After a brief discussion, Chairman Brewer made a motion to authorize Town Administrator Cowles to sign the contract with Conneston Construction for a guaranteed maximum price of \$425,000 contingent on proof of bonded insurance. Selectman Walker seconded the motion with all voting in favor. **Motion passes.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment was taken from Jan Cole and Mike Betley.

**TO SIGN/APPROVE**

The March 21, 2022 transaction report was reviewed and signed by the selectmen.

The February 22, 2022 minutes were approved as amended on a motion from Chairman Brewer and a second from Selectman Walker. The March 7<sup>th</sup> minutes were tabled until next week.

A sign application for map 14 lot 78, 262 Main Street was approved by Selectmen Meth and Walker (with Chairman Brewer recused.)

A septic application for map 14 lot 43, Fox Hill Cooperative was tabled and will be reviewed by Building Official Allan Clark due to the project encompassing twelve units and multiple tanks.

**Reappointments and Appointments:** Chairman Brewer made a motion to reappoint David Strange and Chris Dube to the Energy Commission and to appoint Dawn Steele to the ZBA as an alternate. Selectman Walker seconded the motion with all voting in favor. **Motion passes.**

**TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:**

**Conservation Commission Property Purchase:** Chairman Brewer said due to a posting issue the Conservation Commission hearing for the purchase of map 17 lot 3 has been rescheduled for March 28<sup>th</sup> at 4pm at town hall. Chairman Brewer said the attorney overseeing the land purchase suggested the board formalize its support of the land purchase.

Chairman Brewer made a motion that the board support the Franconia Conservation Commission in moving forward with the purchase of map 17 lot 3. Selectman Meth seconded the motion with all voting in favor. **Motion passes.**

**Franconia Scholarship and Towse Athletic Prize Policy and Procedure:** Chairman Brewer said Library Director Ann Steuernagel is willing to join this three-person advisory board.

After a brief discussion, Chairman Brewer made a motion to appoint Ann Steuernagel to the Franconia Scholarship and Towse Athletic Prize Advisory Board. Selectman Walker seconded the motion with all voting in favor. **Motion passes.**

**Request to Serve Alcohol at Private Event at Town Property:** Bernadette Costa requested that Chef Joe's Catering be permitted to serve beer and wine at private luncheon/Celebration of Life for her late husband Angelo Costa on June 26<sup>th</sup> 2022.

Selectman Walker made a motion to approve Bernadette Costa's request for Chef Joe's Catering to be able to serve beer and wine at her private event at the pavilion on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Brewer seconded the motion with all voting in favor. **Motion passes.**

**Correspondence:** None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Broadband Initiative:** Selectman Meth said the Franconia Broadband Committee had their monthly meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> and there are new members. He said they are looking at a number of different broadband providers. He said funding issues were discussed and they are planning a public meeting in May or June to present their progress to the town.

**Chamber of Commerce:** Selectman Walker said the Chamber met last Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> and discussed the town wide yard sale.

**Conservation Commission:** Reported previously in the meeting.

**Energy Commission:** Selectman Meth said the EC is changing their meeting day to the second Thursday of the month from the third Thursday. He said they discussed preparations for the installation of the solar array and their next meeting is April 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm.

**Planning Board:** Selectman Meth said the next meeting is March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at town hall.

**CIP:** Selectman Walker said the CIP is meeting tomorrow at the Safety Services Building at 4pm. He said they met last Thursday and are working on a financing plan for the proposed new fire truck.

Chairman Brewer made a motion to enter nonpublic session at 6:42pm in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II (a).

The board left nonpublic session at 6:59pm. With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Monahan  
Administrative Secretary