

**Town of Franconia  
Board of Selectmen's Regular Meeting  
Monday, March 4, 2024  
at 6PM at Town Hall**

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

**Others Present:** Libby Staples, Jenny Monahan, Monica Laflamme, Pat Garvin, Jan Cole, Dawn Steele, Peter & Mary Grote

The meeting was called to order at 6:02PM.

**Appointments/Work Sessions**

None

**Public Comment**

Dawn Steele requested amendments to the minutes of February 12<sup>th</sup>. Dawn asked why an RFP isn't being done for the zoning update contract as is indicated in the town's finance policy that was formerly on the website. Chairman Brewer and Selectman Meth commented that the town is not legally required to advance an RFP and they are comfortable moving forward with Tara Bamford. Jeff Lavin offered his assistance with moving forward with the pickleball courts. Jeff later commented on the proposed refrigeration for the ice rink.

**To Sign/Approve**

The selectmen reviewed and approved the March 1<sup>st</sup> to March 7<sup>th</sup> transaction list.

The minutes of February 5<sup>th</sup> and February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 were approved as amended.

A septic application for Map 22, Lot 4-9 – McKenzie Woods Road was approved by the board.

**Tara Bamford – Zoning Contract with Planning Board:** The board stated its support for moving forward with the planning board's request to move forward with Tara Bamford and signed the contract.

**ARPA for Emergency Management Director** – This was tabled.

**Dow Field Scheduling** – Town Administrator Staples said the recreation board had suggested that the Dow Field schedule should go through town office rather than the recreation director. It was discussed that last year, Katie Raymond handled the field schedule and Jenny Monahan scheduled the facilities and this worked well for them both. The board agreed that if Katie and Jenny were in favor of continuing this way they supported staying with the previous arrangement. Town Administrator Staples will reach out to the rec board.

**Correspondence**

Town Administrator Staples received an email from Tom Ganse of the Franconia Soaring Association requesting a letter of support from the board for a grant they are applying for. No decisions were made.

### **Committee Reports**

**Broadband Committee:** Selectmen Meth said the fiber to door completion date has been pushed back to late 2025. Members of the committee will be meeting with Fidium to discuss. Next meeting is March 21<sup>st</sup> via Zoom.

**Chamber of Commerce:** Selectman Walker said they discussed the parade and Old Home Day at their last meeting. Jenny said she has posted a request for volunteers on the town website to try and find a parade organizer.

**Conservation Commission:** Meets tomorrow at 3PM at town hall.

**Energy Commission:** Met on February 20<sup>th</sup> to prepare for town meeting and discussed article 24 (community power aggregation coalition) and discussed the solar array return credit. Next meeting is March 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Planning Board:** Selectman Meth said the PB has finished up the Master Plan and it will now be reviewed by North Country Council. Next meeting is March 26<sup>th</sup> at 6PM at town hall.

Chairman Brewer commended the Highway Department for working so hard against the rutting and this winter's freezing and thawing of the town's dirt roads that created significant issues.

There followed a lengthy discussion with the public about road conditions, tree debris from the storms and the airport.

Selectman Meth acknowledged the recent passing of Richard McLeod who served the town as a selectman and served the state as the longtime Director of Parks and Recreation.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42PM.

Respectfully,

Jenny Monahan  
Executive Assistant