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**Town of Franconia
Board of Selectmen’s Regular Meeting
Monday, March 9th, 2026
at 4:00PM at Town Hall**

Board Members Present: Jill Brewer, Dan Walker

Board Members Absent: Eric Meth

Others in Attendance: Jan Cole, Rachel Pluchino

The meeting was called to order at 4:09PM.

Appointments/Work Sessions

Jan Cole – Discussion to Assume a Scholarship Trust Fund Account – Jan reported that the town had been contacted by an attorney representing The White Mountain School regarding a \$108,000 scholarship account that must be assumed by another entity following the school’s closure. Jan expressed concerns about the administrative responsibilities associated with managing the fund, noting that the scholarship is currently available to students from Lisbon, Profile, and Littleton. This could require coordination among multiple scholarship committees and raise questions about how the funds would be distributed among the three schools.

Board members discussed whether the funds would need to be divided among the three schools or if the purpose of the fund could be modified to make the scholarship available solely to students at Profile High School, which would allow it to be administered by a single scholarship committee. Jan has requested additional clarification from the attorney, and the board agreed to wait for that information before making a decision.

Rachel Pluchino – Franconia Water Department – Mittersill Fire House – Rachel said the water department infrastructure at the Mittersill fire house needs an addition for a chemical room and through her conversations with the state has been directed to make a formal request to modify the lease agreement for the fire station. Rachel presented a letter she prepared to make the request to the state. Rachel said it may be possible for the town to acquire the fire station through source protection or a conservation program rather than swapping it for a different town owned property as has been previously discussed with the state. The letter will be put on letterhead for the board to sign.

Public Comment

None

To Sign/Approve

February 2, 2026 minutes – tabled until next meeting.

March 6, 2026 thru March 12, 2026 transaction list will be sent electronically tomorrow.

Septic application – Agostinelli – 37 Pioneer Road – Approved

Septic application – Conopask – McKenzie Woods Road – Approved

To Discuss/Review

Maintenance Shed Door Repair Quotes – Town Administrator Staples reviewed the quotes for the repair of the garage door at the maintenance shed on Dow Avenue. The original quote from Get It Up Door Service was for \$5,508 and two quotes from Overhead Door – one for a commercial grade replacement for \$4,965 and a residential grade replacement for \$3,900. Corey Rush said he is comfortable with either option. Jan Cole asked about the payment options with Overhead Door and Libby said it was pay on completion. Following a brief discussion, Chair Brewer made a motion to accept the quote from Overhead Door for \$4,965 for the commercial grade replacement to be paid through the Town Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. Selectman Walker seconds, motion passes.

Correspondence

None

Records of Appointment – the board approved records of appointment for the Conservation Commission changing Robin Ross from an alternate to a voting member (replacing Art Daily) and appointing Timothy Healey as an alternate.

The board discussed the schedule for which selectman will be present for voting at town meeting tomorrow. In case a board member could not be present the whole time, Chair Brewer made a motion to appoint Libby Staples and Jenny Monahan as selectmen designees to fill gaps in the schedule. Selectman Walker seconds, motion passes.

The board discussed a few more details about tomorrow's town meeting and adjourned at 4:41PM.

Respectfully,

Jenny Monahan
Executive Assistant