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TOWN OF FRANCONIA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 3rd, 2021 AT TOWN HALL

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Kim Cowles, Dawn Steele, Karen Foss, Mary Grote, Peter Grote, Chief Mac Cashin, Scott Leslie

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm.

TO SIGN/APPROVE:

The May 3, 2021 transaction list was reviewed and signed by the Selectmen.

The minutes of April 19, 2021 were approved as amended.

The Selectmen signed the Letter of Support for NBRC Grant for the Water Department.

APPOINTMENTS/WORK SESSIONS:

3:00pm – Scott Leslie – Highway Truck Purchase: Scott talked with the board about the issues with the F550 truck. He said it is currently at Crosstown Motors needing \$10,000 of repairs. The truck is scheduled for replacement next year, so he is wondering whether a new truck should be purchased now rather than paying for the extensive work on the truck to only replace it in a year. After discussing the matter, the board asked Scott to confer with the Capital Improvement Plan Committee to find out what is needed to move forward.

3:30pm – Chief Cashin – Police Department Policy Update: Chief Cashin said he became aware of a policy update service being offered by a retired police chief. The service involves updating all department policing policies over the course of several months for a fee of \$1,500. Chief said the service also involves future updates to the policies for law changes or recommended procedural changes. Chief Cashin said he can use money from a few places in his budget. The board approved of this purchase.

TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:

CORRESPONDENCE: Town Administrator Cowles read a letter from the NH Charitable Foundation that an anonymous resident who would like to donate \$250,000 to the town to be used for building the welcome center. A public hearing will need to be held to accept the donation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cable Consortium: Selectman Meth said North Country Communications District Committee has a meeting Friday the 23rd at 5pm.

Chamber of Commerce: Selectman Walker attended the Chamber meeting on Wednesday the 26th.

Conservation Commission: Chairman Brewer said the CC met on Wednesday the 28th via Zoom at 4pm.

Energy Commission: Selectman Meth said the EC met April 20th at 4:30pm and discussed the creation of a town solar policy.

Planning Board: Selectman Meth said the Planning Board met on Tuesday the 27th. Next meeting is May 11th.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Karen Foss said the Chamber of Commerce should be involved with the planning of the Welcome Center.

Mary said she hopes the building will have a pleasing aesthetic that is complimentary to the property.

Dawn Steele commented that she has concerns about vehicles causing danger to pedestrians on

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm on a motion from Chairman Brewer and a second from Selectman Walker.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jenny Monahan
Administrative Secretary