

**TOWN OF FRANCONIA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 9TH, 2022 AT 6:00PM AT TOWN HALL**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Kim Cowles, Mary Grote, Jayne O'Connor, Lynn Terres, Dawn Steele, Jan Cole, Mike Betley and Tina Betley, Larry Plate, Kevin Johnson

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm

APPOINTMENTS/WORK SESSIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was taken from Dawn Steele, Mary Grote, Larry Plate, Mike Betley, Pat Garvin, Kevin Johnson and Jan Cole.

TO SIGN/APPROVE

The May 9th, 2022 transaction report was reviewed and signed by the selectmen.

TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:

Littleton Fire and Rescue Service Contract: Town Administrator Cowles said she and Selectman Walker attended Littleton's Selectmen meeting to discuss the contract for Littleton to provide EMS service to Franconia. She said their board approved the contract. Future 911 calls for EMS will tone directly to Littleton and they will respond for a fee of \$300 per call. Town Administrator Cowles said this is a temporary fix to address the town's lack of responders at this time, and the town will be working on developing a more long-term plan that may include hiring responders as regular hourly staff for certain blocks of the day. Selectman Walker said the contract includes a 30-day escape clause for either party.

Additional Discussion:

In preparation for the Special Town Meeting on May 20th, Town Administrator Cowles provided the contracts for the new fire truck and highway truck to the selectmen for signature, so those documents could be acted on immediately if the articles are passed by voters. Chairman Brewer signed the contracts. She also reminded attendees that the public hearing for the Water Department's request for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds from the town is scheduled for Monday, May 16th at 7pm at town hall. The hearing will also include an update on the Welcome Center construction.

Selectman Walker said the engine the town will be auctioning off has been listed on Iron Planet for auction. The auction will end on the 19th at around 3pm.

Selectman Meth said the Planning Board is meeting tomorrow at town hall at 7pm and the Energy Commission is meeting this Thursday, May 12th at 4:30pm to further discuss the town's solar array installation.

Selectman Meth added that the town tennis courts opened over the weekend and commended Cindy Berlack's work on that project.

Correspondence: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

(Taken the first Monday of each month)

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:39pm on a motion from Chairman Brewer and a second from Selectman Meth with all voting in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Monahan
Administrative Secretary