

Franconia Water Department Meeting
Thursday May 11, 2023
Town Hall 5pm

In Attendance: Water Commissioners Thomas Allen and Richard Andross. Rachel Pluchino, Administrator. Pete Hilton representing LRW, Daniel Zajic, Conservation Committee Christopher Nicodemus Conservation Committee
Motion made by Thomas to begin meeting at 5:01pm, seconded by Richard and approved unanimously.

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve May Minutes made by Thomas, seconded by Richard and approved unanimously.

Review of YTD Financial:

Motion to approve May financials made by Thomas, seconded by Richard and approved unanimously.

Christopher Nicodemus and Daniel Zajic, Conservation Committee:

The town acquired lot 17-3 in 2022 as an abutting lot to the Town Forest. The location of lot 17-3 is adjacent to the Lawrence Family Forest and is an important riparian buffer and flood protection. There is an aquifer that lies below the Franconia Easton Valley that receives high volumes of recharge in these riparian zones. There is a possibility that in the future this could be utilized as a water resource for the community. The Conservation Committee as well as the Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust are working to obtain funding and place a conservation easement on these parcels. The FWD will look into whether this is a viable source of water to be utilized in the future.

Pete:

Replacement of pump at Franconia Pump house. Letter of intent for purchase of new pump/motor. We will have the old pump refurbished so we have a spare if needed.

Fox Hill line replacement – Meter pit is in the process of being replaced. Water line replacement has begun.

Deer Pass main replacement – replacement will begin in June. Deer Pass will be shut down from 8am-5pm daily for the duration of the project.

Mittersill Road – needs blow off at the end of the road as there is no way to currently flush the line.

Tank cleaning will be scheduled for next year.

Rachel:

2nd Trimester billing has been processed and sent out.

Financials are in good standing.

Septic Plans – looking into receiving septic plans prior to approval to ensure it does not interfere with the watermains.

Garnet Hill/Main Street Project:

Discussion will be continued at June Meeting.

Main Street Valve Installation:

Discussion will be continued at June meeting. Reference: Garnet Hill.

Motion to adjourn made by Thomas at 5:48pm, seconded by Richard and approved unanimously.