

**TOWN OF FRANCONIA**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REGULAR MEETING**

**Monday, May 14, 2018 at Town Offices**

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**TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Jill Brewer, Eric Meth, Jeff Blodgett.

**TOWN OFFICIALS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Holly Burbank, Jenny Monahan, Peter Grote, Mary Grote, Dawn Steele, Laughlin McKinnon, Bob Montagno, Kim Cowles, Chief Mac Cashin.

**The meeting was called to order at 3:05pm**

**APPOINTMENTS:**

Chief Cashin updated the Board on several topics.

- He has arranged to borrow a speed trailer with the intent to slow traffic at Bickford Hill area into Town as more children are walking or biking to school in the warm weather. Chief Cashin suggested the Town may want to consider investing in its own speed trailer in the future.
- To address the parking issue in Franconia Notch, the NH DOT wants local police to start ticketing cars parked on the roadside there. Chief Cashin said he would like to see an alternative parking plan available before ticketing recreating visitors.
- Chief Cashin has a quote of \$4600 for IMC software upgrades (the system that allows officers to access and submit information from their vehicles during roadside stops).
- The department purchased a microchip scanner to help reunite lost pets with their owners more quickly.

Bob Montagno met with the Board to discuss some of his ideas for attracting more people and business to Franconia. He provided a list of Town assets that if added to the website, he feels could attract visitors or interest people in moving to Franconia. He also suggested opening up some viewpoints along the river to make it more visible throughout the town.

Bob also provided updates on the following projects:

- He has not heard back from UNH regarding whether there are any classes that may do a free/low cost property survey at a potential Town leech field site.
- He is having difficulty getting information about restoring the memorial plaque. He suggested asking Scott Leslie if he could build a protective frame for it with UV filtering plastic. Bob will ask Scott what his thoughts are on that.

Chief Cashin rejoined the Board to continue his scheduled appointment. Selectman Brewer made a motion to enter non-public session at 3:42pm pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II(c).

The Board came out of non-public session at 3:52pm. Jill Brewer made a motion to seal the minutes of the non-public session. Eric Meth seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion Passes.**

**Northern Pass:** The motion for a rehearing is scheduled for a hearing on 5/24.  
**Chamber of Commerce:** Meeting 5/17.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

Bob Montagno said he would like to see the website promote the Town more, possibly by adding more content about amenities and things to do.

**Additional Discussion:**

Selectman Brewer made a motion to enter non-public session at 4:35pm pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II(d).

The Board left non-public session at 5:13pm.

Jill Brewer made a motion to seal the minutes of the non-public session. Eric Meth seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion Passes.**

Holly Burbank said that Rick Gaudette is going to evaluate the Evergreen Apartments property to see if a controlled training burn is possible.

Holly asked the Board if they would like to consider biweekly meetings for the summer, between Memorial Day and Columbus Day. After a brief discussion, the Board decided they would like to adopt the biweekly meeting schedule. The Board will meet May 21st, and then off on Memorial Day (May 28th), and continue every other week thereafter.

With no further discussion, the Board adjourned at 5:16pm on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Monahan  
Administrative Secretary

**Town Administrator Update**  
**May 14, 2018**

**Tri-Town Meeting**

- Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup> @4pm

**Town Report Cover (Collaboration with School & Town)**

- Work with Lafayette School to design front cover
  - What grade
  - Work with School to determine this.

**Tax Deeded Properties**

- May 22, 2018 last day that prior owner has first right of repurchase
- Need to set minimum bid
- Advertise for 2 weeks in newspaper and on Website

**Ongoing Projects:**

- Riverwalk & Bickford Trail Easements
- July 1<sup>st</sup> Storm – FEMA Funding
- Road Acceptance Policy
- Crosswalk Design – NH Route 116 @ Academy Street
- Building & Grounds Tractor Purchase
- Grader Repair
- Fire Pond – Aspen Road
- Heritage Museum Roof (Out for Bid)