

TOWN OF FRANCONIA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REGULAR MEETING
Monday, July 16, 2018 at Town Offices

TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT: Eric Meth, Jeff Blodgett.

TOWN OFFICIALS ABSENT: Jill Brewer.

OTHERS PRESENT: Holly Burbank, Jenny Monahan, Bob Montagno, Beth Horan, Dawn Steele, Charles Crannell, Paulo Weiser.

The meeting was called to order at 3:31pm

APPOINTMENTS: None.

SIGN/APPROVE:

The Board approved the July 2, 2018 meeting minutes as written.

The Board briefly discussed the MS-535 report before signing.

Crosswalk Project Cost Estimate: Holly Burbank said HEB Engineers did a site visit to the future crosswalk location at Rte. 116 and Academy. They estimated the cost of the project to be \$22,900. Selectman Blodgett asked if this was in addition to what they have been paid to do the planning. Holly will check with them to make sure and update the Board later. Holly said there is currently \$45,704 in the Highway Maintenance Fund.

Selectman Meth made a motion to move forward with HEB Engineering for the Crosswalk Project. Selectman Blodgett seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

The Board approved a sign permit for Fall Line Painting that will be placed at 930 Easton Road, Map 23 Lot 3.

A Septic Permit for Map 28 Lot 177 was briefly discussed. This is a property at Mittersill whose previous septic was across the street and will now need to be relocated to the same side as the parcel. The Board approved the septic plan for review by the State.

TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:

Holly Burbank let the Board know that Chairman Brewer had talked with HEB Engineers about widening Rte. 116 for better and safer pedestrian and cycling access. Holly then read a letter from Chairman Brewer to the NHDOT regarding the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and expressing Franconia's interest in the program with a brief description of the project and estimated cost. (The letter is attached to these minutes.)

Town Administrator Update: Holly Burbank provided a written update that is attached to these minutes.

Correspondence: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Conservation Commission: None.

CIP: Has not yet started meeting.

Energy Commission: The Energy Commission will reconvene in September.

Planning Board: Selectman Meth said the Planning Board briefly reviewed some of Allan Clark's recommendations for Mittersill zoning ordinances.

Northern Pass: Selectman Meth said the NH SEC has memorialized their decision to deny the Northern Pass permit and their motion for a rehearing. Now, Eversource has 30 days to appeal to the Supreme Court. Both Eric and Jeff agree that the Town should continue to engage in legally opposing the Northern Pass project if it again becomes necessary to do so. Eric Meth also said the Sugar Hill is developing a Northern Pass museum.

Chamber of Commerce: Selectman Blodgett said the Lupine Festival went very well. Brenda Aldrich is not going to organize the event going forward, which may mean some changes for the festival.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Dawn Steele said two bridges on Fox Hill Trail are in need of repair and showed the Board pictures.

Dawn also asked regarding getting some bear proof trash receptacles for Dow Park because people don't always pack their refuse out and its having to be picked up by Kim Cowles.

Dawn asked if the furnace at the Public Safety Building had been serviced. Holly Burbank will check into this.

The Board entered non public session at 4:20pm pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II(d).

The Board left non public session at 4:29pm.

Selectman Meth made a motion to seal the minutes of the non public session. Selectman Blodgett seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

With no further discussion, the Board adjourned at 4:30pm on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Monahan
Administrative Secretary

Town Administrator Update July 16, 2018

July 1st Storm – FEMA Funding

- We have received funding from FEMA for the July 1, 2017 rain storm. We received \$26,198.02 which represents 75% of the estimated project costs for repairs of the various roads/washouts that occurred. We have one more project we are awaiting funding for, and that is the Wells Road Culvert repairs.

Heritage Museum Roof Replacement

- The roof on the museum has been completed.

Fire Pond – Aspen Road

- We did not receive any bids for cleaning out the fire pond on Aspen Road. We will put it out to bid one more time, and place ads in further reaching papers.

Town Hall Renovations

- Scott, Corey & Kim will be working on final items needed to complete the main hall renovations at Town Hall. We will be getting quotes for re-doing the floors, and also for the replacement of the two main doors.

Road Acceptance Requests

- Scott will be reaching out to Red McCarthy so that he can go inspect Trail Side Road and Balancing Rock Road so that we can determine what/if any work needs to be completed by the associations prior to bringing to Town Meeting for acceptance.

Ongoing Projects:

- Riverwalk & Bickford Trail Easements
- Road Acceptance Policy
- Crosswalk – NH Route 116 @ Academy Street
- Fire Pond – Aspen Road
- Town Report Cover Collaboration w/ Lafayette School
- Tax Deed Property Bid
- 192 Main Street – Building Disposal
- Tri-Town Transfer Station Agreement
- Cooley-Jericho Community Forest MOU
- Dow Tennis Courts Proposal
- Sidewalk Reconstruction

