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Town of Franconia
Board of Selectmen's Regular Meeting
Monday, November 13th, 2023
at 6PM at Franconia Town Hall

Board Members Present: Jill Brewer, Eric Meth, Dan Walker

Others Present: Libby Staples, Jenny Monahan, Dawn Steele, Mike Betley, Jan Cole, Peter & Mary Grote, Mary-Jo Opalinski

The meeting was called to order at 6:07PM

Appointments/Work Sessions

Mary-Jo Opalinski – Streetlights on Academy and Harvard Streets, Sidewalks: Mary-Jo said she is concerned with the lack of street lighting and sidewalks on Harvard and Academy streets, which are the truck or treating routes. The board discussed reaching out to Eversource to see what is entailed in adding streetlights.

Public Comment

Dawn Steele gave Selectmen Meth a news article about the proposed casino in Littleton so he could share it with the planning board. Mike Betley commented that the town should consider the possible need for future expansion of the transfer station and do a feasibility study. Mary Grote commented that when the streetlights were put in, there was discussion about how much lighting the town wanted in the village area and thought the consensus was to keep the lighting on the dimmer side.

To Sign/Approve

The minutes of November 6, 2023 were approved as amended.

The November 10th – November 16th transaction list was reviewed and signed by the selectmen.

Reimbursements to Town from Conservation Land Use Fund: Chairman Brewer said some motions were needed for Treasurer Plant to complete the transfer of funds from Conservation Land Use Fund to the town's general fund.

Chairman Brewer made a motion to authorize reimbursement to the town from the Land Use Fund for \$500 that was paid to Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust for conservation easement application fees for tax lot 17-2 and 17-3. Selectman Walker seconds, motion passes unanimously,

Chairman Brewer made a motion to authorize reimbursement to the town from the Land Use Fund for \$2,100 that was paid to Smith & Pospesil Land Surveying Company for surveying tax lots 17-2 and 17-3. Selectman Meth seconds, motion passes unanimously.

Correspondence

Town Administrator Staples provided the contract with Tara Bamford for her work with the planning board on zoning to Chairman Brewer for signature. The board approved Chairman Brewer signing the contract.

Selectman Meth said Tara Bamford will be be tomorrow nights planning board.

Mike Betley suggested asking the chamber of commerce to include information about the broadband sign-up in their next newsletter. Jenny will also put a sign at the post office. Jan Cole asked about the status of the rebate on the solar array and whether it is generating power.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Monahan
Executive Assistant