

**DRAFT**  
**Town of Franconia**  
**Board of Selectmen's Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, November 20th, 2023**  
**at 6PM at Town Hall**

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

**Others Present:** Libby Staples, Jenny Monahan, Dawn Steele, Virginia Mike, Mary Grote

**The meeting was called to order at 6:01PM.**

**Appointments/Work Sessions**

None

**Public Comment**

Virginia Mike said she reached out to some people who are willing to volunteer to help with the short-term rental program. Dawn Steele asked if the planning board had discussed casinos yet. Dawn said she is concerned that the zoning ordinance won't be addressed until next year and thinks a warrant article banning casinos in Franconia should be on the 2024 warrant.

**Sign/Approve**

The November 6th and November 13<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved as amended.

The selectmen reviewed and approved the November 13<sup>th</sup> thru November 20<sup>th</sup> transaction list.

**Floodplain Management Resolution:** Town Administrator Staples said that the town must adopt a resolution at a regular meeting to officially adopt the new FEMA maps and study.

Chairman Brewer made a motion that the town adopt the following resolution:

*Pursuant to RSA 674:57, by resolution of the Board of Selectmen, all lands designated as special flood hazard areas by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in its "Flood Insurance Study for the County of Grafton, NH" dated February 8, 2024, together with the associated Flood Insurance Rate Maps Panels 33009C0290F, 33009C0295F, 33009C0315F, 33009C0320F, and 33009C0455F dated February 8, 2024 and 33009C0140E, 33009C0257E, 33009C0259E, 33009C0267E, 33009C0270E, 33009C0280E, 33009C0285E, 33009C0305E and 33009C0310E dated February 20, 2008, are declared to be part of the Town of Franconia Zoning Ordinance and are hereby incorporated by reference.*

Selectmen Meth seconded the motion with all voting in favor. **Motion passes.**

**Natural Resource Inventory Payment:** Chairman Brewer said a motion is needed to pay Elise Lawson for the Natural Resource Inventory from the Land Use Fund.

Chairman Brewer made a motion to authorize the town town to pay Elise Lawson \$1,000 from the Land Use Fund for the Natural Resource Inventory. Selectman Walker seconded the motion with all voting in favor. **Motion passes.**

**Notice of Intent to Cut – Map 2 Lots 3 & 4:** Signed by the board.

**Pole License Agreements – Timber Lane:** Chairman Brewer signed three pole license agreements on behalf of the board.

**To Discuss/Review**

**Planning Board Appointment Request:** The board approved and signed a Record of Appointment for John Agostinelli to serve as an alternate on the Planning Board.

**2023/2024 Tax Rate:** Town Administrator Staples said she received the tax rate from the Dept. of Revenue Administration and it is \$14.35. The rate is comprised of \$6.02 municipal, \$1.40 county, \$5.46 local education and \$1.47 state education. The selectmen signed the tax warrant.

**Mittersill Station Update:** Selectman Walker briefly reiterated the town's agreement with the state in regard to the Mittersill Fire Station and that our last discussion with the state may lead to a trade with the town for another piece of property so the town can own the fire station. The town is waiting for more information from the state.

**Website Update:** Selectman Meth said he spoke with Chrissy Smith of Badger, Peabody & Smith to ask about their website designer. Chrissy suggested contacting Valerie Frances.

**Correspondence**

Town Administrator Staples said she contacted Eversource about adding extra streetlights and they should be out next week to survey the area and put together an estimate.

Selectman Meth said public hearings will be held on December 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> at 6PM at the Profile School library in conjunction with the towns of Bethlehem and Sugar Hill to discuss joining the community power coalition.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:44PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Monahan  
Executive Assistant