

**Town of Franconia  
Board of Selectmen's Regular Meeting  
Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
at 4PM at Town Hall**

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

**Others in Attendance:** Libby Staples, Jenny Monahan, Chief Tyler Gaudette, Dinny Richmond, Sally Small, Sharon Penney, Jan Cole

**Appointments/Work Sessions**

**Safety Service Building Update:** Chief Gaudette said the sprinkler system at the Safety Services Building froze due to undrained water and burst pipes caused significant water damage to the fire department's side of the building on Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. The sprinkler system over the police department is also frozen; dismantling and repairs are scheduled to begin. Chief Gaudette said major repairs are needed including new ceilings, insulation, flooring, partial sheetrock, electrical, fire alarm, and a new sprinkler system. He recommends either hiring a contractor that can do all the work or finding a project manager that can oversee all the different aspects of repair. Clean up is underway, the building is being dried out with fans and Primex is already involved. Emergency response operations are unaffected but the offices are inoperable right now.

**Library Trustees – Library Renovations:** Dinny Richmond, Sally Small and Sharon Penney updated the board on the previously discussed repairs needed for the library. The work is estimated to be \$350k to \$400k for brickwork, new steps, windows, the side door, foundation, basement and other areas damaged by water infiltrating. They are planning a multi-faceted fundraising campaign and plan to use \$50,000 of the library endowment funds, \$100,000 from an anonymous donor and request a warrant article asking taxpayers to approve a minimum of \$50,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance to meet half of the \$400,000 goal before fundraising. The library is working with the NH Preservation Alliance through their Seven to Save program for possible additional funding.

The board supported a warrant article requesting funds from the UFB towards library renovations and will determine the amount at a later time.

**Public Comment**

Jan Cole asked that the board schedule its annual Unassigned Fund Balance Risk Analysis. There was also some informal discussion between the library trustees and Jan about the funding for the library repairs.

**To Sign/Approve**

The minutes of November 10, 2025 were approved as written.

The board approved the November 21<sup>st</sup> thru November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Transaction List.

Septic Application – Map 15 Lot 16 – 105 Bickford Hill Road – Approved.

Septic Application – Map 34 Lot 5 – Forest Road – Approved.

Driveway Permit Application – Keenan – Map 16 Lot 22 – Old County Road – Approved.

A5 – Wasielewski – Map 22 Lot 4-10 – Land Use Change Tax Warrant – Signed by the board.

Bike the North Country Special Event Application – The board approved a special event application for a 30-mile benefit ride which will go through Littleton, Bethlehem and Franconia to raise funding and awareness for mental health and suicide prevention on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**Additional Discussion:** Town Administrator Staples said House Bill 99 was signed into law which increases the Disabled Veterans Tax Credit maximum from \$4,000 to \$5,000 (effective April 1), and also prohibits people from receiving both Disabled and Standard Veterans Credits. Municipalities may vote to adopt the increased credit amount.

Chair Brewer made a motion to enter non-public session at 4:46PM pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(c), seconded by Selectman Meth.

The board left non-public session at 5:21PM and immediately adjourned.

Respectfully,

Jenny Monahan  
Executive Assistant