

**TOWN OF FRANCONIA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2022 AT 5:30PM AT TOWN HALL**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jill Brewer, Dan Walker, Eric Meth

OTHERS PRESENT: Kim Cowles, Jenny Monahan, Larry Plate, Peter Grote, Mary Grote, Dawn Steele, Virginia Mike, Tim Brown, Susan Retz, Phil Krill, Mark Hessler

The public session was called to order at 5:30pm.

APPOINTMENTS/WORK SESSIONS

5:30pm – Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(c) - Chairman Brewer made a motion to enter non-public session. Selectman Walker seconded the motion with all voting in favor. Motion passes.

The board left non-public session at 6:07pm and returned to the public session.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was taken from Mary Grote, Larry Plate, Virginia Mike, Dawn Steele and Tim Brown.

TO SIGN/APPROVE

The November 7, 2022 transaction report was reviewed and signed by the selectmen.

The minutes of October 24th, 2022 were approved as amended.

The Selectmen reviewed and approved a driveway permit application for TTW, LLC – Woodchuck Trail - Map 28 Lot 75.

On behalf of the board, Chairman Brewer signed a letter from Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust in regard to Map 25 Lot 2, 2-1 and 2-2.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

Town Administrator Cowles said that the amount the board voted to use from the Library Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund for the library roof on June 7th, 2022 needed to be changed and the updated amount is \$62,076.80 (\$5,000 less than originally anticipated and voted.)

Chairman Brewer made a motion to withdraw \$62,076.80 from the Library Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund for the library roof repairs. It was discussed that this motion is intended to replace the motion made on June 7th, 2022 for \$67,144.80. Selectman Walker seconded the motion with all voting in favor. **Motion passes.**

Town Administrator Cowles said the compactor at the transfer station needs a new piston and it will cost up to \$8,000. She said this can be spent from the transfer station operating budget.

Chairman Brewer made a motion to expend up to \$8,000 from the transfer station operating budget for the compactor repair. Selectman Meth seconded the motion with all voting in favor. **Motion passes.**

Town Administrator Cowles said she and Treasurer Steve Plant and Chief Mac Cashin have discussed the Police Special Fund that has existed for years but is a separate account at Mascoma Bank and should be closed and the funds

deposited to the General Fund. She said this has been advised by the auditors annually. The account has \$442.44 in it.

Chairman Brewer made a motion to withdraw the \$442.44 from the Special Police Fund at Mascoma Bank and deposit the funds into the General Fund. Selectman Walker seconded the motion with all voting in favor. **Motion passes.**

Town Administrator Cowles said she is waiting to hear from the Dept. of Revenue Administration in regard to setting the tax rate and hopes to have that information for the next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Broadband Commission: Selectman Meth said the BC has received responses to their RFP from Spectrum and Consolidated Communications. He said NH Electric Co-op is not able to submit a proposal at this time due to their current project load and grants received.

Conservation Commission: No update at this time.

Chamber of Commerce: Selectman Walker said the Chamber annual meeting has been scheduled for December 15th at the Franconia Inn and they will present the Northern Star Award at that event.

Energy Commission: The next meeting is Thursday, November 10th at town hall at 4:30pm. He said Chuck Lukasic submitted a letter of interest to the Dept. of Transportation's CMAQ (Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement) program to help pay for EV Charging Stations.

Planning Board: Selectman Meth said at the last meeting the PB discussed the possibility of state funding for the Hillwind's project and plan to continue work on the Master Plan. He said if a meeting is needed it will be November 29th, but if a meeting is not needed it will be December 13th.

CIP: Selectman Walker said the CIP met today and is close to wrapping up their season and preparing their recommendation for presentation to the selectmen.

Selectman Meth let attendees know that the Franconia ArtWalk Association is holding their annual soiree on Thursday, November 10th at the Franconia Inn from 5:30pm to 7:30pm which will include appetizers and hors d'oeuvres, some ArtWalk featured artists and a speaker from the NH Arts Foundation. He said tickets are available on the ArtWalk website.

Chairman Brewer said the Halloween event on the Dow went great and thanked the recreation department and all involved.

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Brewer made a motion to enter non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a). Selectman Walker seconded the motion with all voting in favor.

The board left non-public session at 7:35pm on a motion from Chairman Brewer and second from Selectman Walker with all voting in favor. With no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Monahan
Administrative Secretary

