

**TOWN OF FRANCONIA  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 5, 2020 AT 3PM AT TOWN HALL**

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Eric Meth, Jill Brewer, Jeff Blodgett.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kim Cowles

**The meeting was called to order at 3:02pm.**

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**4:00 – Tri-Town Meeting in Sugar Hill**

**TO SIGN/APPROVE:**

The September 14, 2020 meeting minutes were approved as amended. The September 28, 2020 meeting minutes were approved as written.

The October 5, 2020 transaction list was signed by the Selectmen.

**TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:**

**Heritage Council – WWII Plaque Donation:** Prior to voting to accept this donation, Selectman Blodgett had some concerns. First, the mockup has asterisks next to Gold Star veterans' names and Selectman Blodgett is hoping the asterisks can be replaced with a star shape instead. He would also like to see the plaque mounted in a more prominent location. Town Administrator Cowles suggested Selectman Blodgett talk with Phil Krill about the location.

Chairman Brewer made a motion to accept the WWII plaque donation from the Heritage Council, contingent upon Selectman Blodgett's request that the asterisk marking Gold Star Veteran's names be replaced with a star and his approval of the final design. Selectman Meth seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passes.**

**Selectmen Meeting Schedule:** Beginning October 19<sup>th</sup>, the Selectmen will be meeting weekly on Mondays instead of biweekly. There will be no meeting on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, the eve of the election.

**Town Administrator Update:** Town Administrator Cowles had the Emergency Plan for Lafayette School for the Selectmen's review. Chairman Brewer signed it.

Town Administrator Cowles asked the Selectmen whether or not they would like to open the town hall for activities such as exercise groups. The Selectmen said this should be decided on a case by case basis for now and that masks are required.

The plan for Halloween is a trunk or treat style event at Dow Park. There will be a haunted walk but no

bonfire this year due to the dry conditions. Door to door trick or treating will not be part of the Recreation planned activities.

Town Administrator Cowles will meet with Jim McMahan of NHDOT on October 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss next year's paving of Main Street and new sidewalks.

Kim is also continuing to work on the Sign Ordinance and has recommended some changes to the ordinance to the Planning Board.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Cable Consortium:** No update at this time.

**Chamber of Commerce:** Selectman Blodgett said the Chamber is having difficulties with attracting new board members and working on some other issues at this time.

**Conservation Commission:** No update at this time.

**Energy Commission:** No update at this time.

**Planning Board:** Selectman Meth said the PB met for a Voluntary Lot Merger on September 29<sup>th</sup>.

**CIP:** No update at this time.

**Additional Discussion:** There was a brief discussion about the town's Sign Ordinance and some changes that Kim recommends to the Temporary Sign Ordinance.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

None.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm and the Selectmen left to attend a meeting with the tri-town boards in Sugar Hill.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Monahan  
Administrative Secretary