

**Town of Franconia  
Board of Selectmen's Regular Meeting  
Monday, September 18, 2023 at 6:00pm  
at Franconia Town Hall**

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

**Others Present:** Libby Staples, Jenny Monahan, Lynn Terres, Peter & Mary Grote, Cynthia McMahon

**The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm**

**Appointments/Work Sessions**

**Cynthia McMahon – Jim Cavanaugh Plaque:** Cynthia said she learned from Jim's spouse that Jim used to maintain the ice on the rink many years ago and dedicated much time to making the ice, sometimes even spending the night in the former warming hut to make the ice overnight. Jim has since passed away and Cynthia requests that the town have a plaque created to honor Jim's service to the town and present it to Jim's wife. The board thought this was a very nice idea. Town Administrator Staples and Cynthia will work on this together.

**Public Comment**

Lynn Terres asked about the trees being cleared on Lafayette Drive and what the plan is for that parcel. Lynn Terres asked about refrigeration of the ice rink and if there is an immediate plan to do this.

**To Sign/Approve**

The minutes of September 11, 2023 were approved as written.

The September 15th – September 21<sup>st</sup> transaction list was approved by the selectmen.

A corrected form for a Land Use Change Tax warrant for Map 22 Lot 11.1-9 was signed by the selectmen.

**To Discuss/Review**

**#Week Without Driving-** Chairman Brewer said Bruce Caplain from Bethlehem's select board reached out to ask if Franconia would be endorsing the Week Without Driving challenge. She said the challenge is not necessarily to stop driving for a week, but aims to encourage people to be mindful of how it would be to live in their community with mobility challenges and increase awareness.

Chairman Brewer made a motion that the town endorse and encourage the Week Without Driving Challenge from October 2nd to October 8<sup>th</sup>. Selectman Walker seconds, motion passes.

**Town Administrator Update**

Town Administrator Staples said she met with Town Administrator Mary Moritz of Bethlehem and Tri-County CAP about adding bus stops in Bethlehem and Franconia for people to get rides to Littleton for shopping and other errands. She hopes this will come to fruition with possible pick-ups at Lafayette Center and The Bancroft House.

Chairman Brewer said she and Margo Connors and Toni Woodruff met with Tim Blake at the transfer station. She said Tim has ordered Starlink equipment to have improved internet at that facility as their current internet is spotty and it is required to run the Square credit card machine. They also still need a scale there which she would like to discuss the transfer station CRF with Trustee Jan Cole. Tim said the new plan for plastic items is going well and things are working well with Normandeau Trucking. Tim also said he is interested in getting a waste oil burner furnace for the transfer station and asked Jenny or Libby to look into getting a quote.

**Correspondence**

Town Administrator Staples read an email from Linda Frank commending Chief Cashin, Sgt. Jarvis and PT Officer Hamilton in their handling of a situation recently. She also read an email from Joe Dunbar about the Dow Clock chiming on the hour throughout the night.

Selectmen Meth reminded everyone about the “Meet Your Internet Provider” informational meeting this Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Sugar Hill Meeting House and the Planning Board session with North Country Council this Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> at town hall from 9:30am to 12:30pm.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33pm.

Respectfully,

Jenny Monahan  
Executive Assistant