

**Town of Franconia
Tri-Town Meeting &
Board of Selectmen's Regular Meeting
Monday, June 10, 2024 at 4PM
at Franconia Town Hall**

Board Members Present:

**Franconia – Jill Brewer, Eric Meth, Dan Walker
Sugar Hill – Chris Ellms, Margo Connors, Richard Bielefield
Easton – Bob Thibault, Zak Mai**

Others Present: Libby Staples, Jenny Monahan, Jennifer Gaudette, Jan Cole, Steve Schwartz, John Dunbar, Dawn Steele, Larry Plate, Tim Blake, Paul Reid

The meeting was called to order at 4:10PM.

Tri-Town Meeting

Transfer Station Budget Review: Tim Blake reviewed the Transfer Station budget with the boards. Tim remarked that PAYT bags did not need to be purchased this year due to a surplus of bags purchased last year. He said recyclables have been profitable this year since changing the recycling program. Selectman Connors asked if Tim knew if the contract with Pemi-Baker is changed since the tri-towns now use Mt. Carberry instead of NCES. She said the tri-town's Pemi-Baker representative Erik Rasmussen had mentioned something to her but it wasn't clear. Tim was not aware of what Eric may have been referring to. Selectman Connors will reach out to Erik for clarification.

Total C&D Bulky Disposal expense is currently at \$25,000 approximately and budgeted at \$61,800 for the year. Total Solid Waste Disposal is at approximately \$28,000 and budgeted at \$80,000 for the year.

Tim remarked that the new heating system has been a wonderful upgrade to the station.

Nothing has been spent yet on Vehicles & Equipment, Tim said the new Skidsteer is working great.

Uniforms budget is unspent but he buys new items in the fall.

Building Maintenance is unspent so far. He plans to use that for electrical costs for installing the new baler. If anything is left over, he would like to inquire with an electrician about getting the outside light poles operational again.

Tim suggested that a future consideration for the tri-towns may be paving the driveway area at the station as his number one complaint is seasonal mud issues.

Tim does not have a finalized date for delivery of the new compactor yet. He is thinking September. He is still waiting for a delivery date on the new containers which will then allow him to arrange delivery of the old containers to the buyer that is waiting on them.

Recreation Budget Review: Recreation Director Katie Raymond was not able to attend. Town Administrator Staples said summer program enrollment is down but the revenue shown may be somewhat low as some parents are doing payment plans. The boards looked the budget over. As the summer program has not started yet, there are no expenditures from that budget yet. Jan Cole remarked that a new line was added for tracking expenses that will be

reimbursed from the Lafayette Expendable Trust Fund at the end of the year. Administrative Assistant Jennifer Gaudette asked to confirm that the first billing of 2024 will reflect the over billing for the last half of 2023. Town Administrator Staples confirmed. Jan Cole also remarked that payroll taxes are not reflected yet as they will be manually entered at the end of the year.

Selectman Walker commented that the new bus came in under budget at \$55,950 but there may still be some bus expenses upcoming that will be paid with the warrant article funds.

Selectman Ellms asked about the status of painting the court lines on the rink. Town Administrator Staples said we are still working with Vermont Recreational Surfacing to finalize a date and the weather to allow for the painting.

The boards would like to meet quarterly in the future and proposed meeting next on September 30th.

A recess was taken from 4:45PM to 4:57PM while Sugar Hill and Easton boards prepared to leave.