

SELECTMEN'S MEETING– September 30, 2024

Present: Chris Ellms, Margo Connors, Dick Bielefield
Jennifer Gaudette

Guests: Judy Sawyer, Fred & Claire Von Karls, Gary Way, Tim Egan, Nancy Martland
Road Agent Doug Glover

The board met in Franconia on September 30th at 4:00 pm with Easton and Franconia Select Boards and reviewed the Tri Town Recreation and Transfer Sttion budgets to date. In addition, Chief Chad Miller from the Littleton Fire Department was in to discuss tri town ambulance costs and possible changes in the future.

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

MR. ELLMS made a motion to approve the minutes, of September 23, 2024 seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer has filed the MS434 Estimated Revenues and a MS-1 Extension until October 10th.

The DRA provided a list of assessing companies for the board to review as Purvis & Associates will not be doing any five-year cyclical contracts.

Jennifer has Land Use Change Taxes prepared but cannot input them in the Avitar Program for warrants until the revaluation figures are updated.

The board approved the following permits:
Herbert Lahout – ADU Map 219, Lot 16 pending building inspector review

The Town Attorney confirmed that payments for easements, are to be made to SFPNHF, as was done this year.

The Grafton County apportionment for 2024 is 1.2837% or \$350,855.

The board received an estimate for Graton & Associates for the repairs to the Meetinghouse Foundation in the amount of \$31,900. The board will have a warrant article in 2025 for the MH CRF and will also talk with SHIA. Jennifer will contact Graton & Associates to confirm that the board would like to be on the 2025 schedule pending financing.

North Country Council will be getting the pop up and road count information to us in the next couple of weeks.

Dan Kenerson the Sugar Hill representative to the Colley Jericho Town Forest will come in next week to discuss the parking plan for the town forest off Trumpet Round Road.

The board will have the highway committee and Road Agent Douglas Glover come in on November 4th to discuss current and future road business.

CHRIS ELLMS gave a brief update on the visit to the Streeter Pond Sub Station. He does not believe this work will be until 2025.

ROAD AGENT DOUG GLOVER met with the board to discuss highway department business. Doug was asked about a culvert change on Clark Road. Two different neighbors have said they are not interested in changing the flow of water. If all owners agreed then the highway department would dig and make change. The board will have the highway committee and Road Agent Douglas Glover come in on November 4th to discuss current and future road business. CHRIS REPORTED THAT HE MET WITH Doug and Cliff Hughes and they have a plan to return the land around Indian Brook to what it was. The stones have not been returned yet and Red is following up on that. Doug will place some bigger boulders and six maples will be planted on the field side next spring. There will be dirt over the rip rap to provide some greenery.

A Public Hearing was held at 6:08 pm as prescribed by RSA 31:95-b Section III and RSA 91A:2 to discuss the acceptance and expenditure of unanticipated money from the State, Federal or other government unit or private sources by the Select Board. The board received \$83,200.90 from FEMA for a final payout on the 2017 storm that damaged, Carpenter, Grandview, and Lafayette Roads. MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to accept \$83,200.90, seconded by MR. ELLMS. The money would be available to the highway department to replace the funds he used out of budget to make the repairs. These funds will be expended this year to continue paving projects. The motion passed unanimously.

MARGO CONNORS updated the board about the Broadband meeting in Franconia that she attended. They have moved the Franconia area to the forefront and they hope to have the engineering completed in December of 2024 and start the installs in the first quarter of 2025. Tim Egan will advise on County and the middle mile information. There was a question on providing service for all residents as been stated previously. A reminder to all to go in and sign up even if you have not decided to take the new service.

There was also discussion on slowing the travel way around Polly's and Harman's by putting some flower boxes and bollards up. The board wants to make sure this is done and does not get overlooked.

The board has a sign committee to look at the design for a welcome to Sugar Hill sign on either end of Main Street. Margo Connors, Fred Von Karls, and Tim Egan volunteered.

With no more business before the Board, MR. ELLMS made a motion to adjourn, seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday October 7, 2024 at 5:00 pm at the Crapo Building.

Respectfully submitted:

Jennifer Gaudette
Town Administrator