



**NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES**

**Franconia Town Hall  
421 Main Street  
Franconia, New Hampshire  
Thursday, July 29, 2021  
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Doug Grant; Carl Martland; Sandra Butson; Raymond Gorman; Paul Robitaille; Vicki DeLalla; Steve Knox; Linda Moore; Jon Swan; Matthew Kelley; Robin Irving; Gaetjens-Oleson. Virtually attending due to COVI-19 Carrie Klebe; and Jennifer Fish.

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Michelle Moren-Grey; James Steele; and Kaela Tavares.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Sarah Knox and Jackson Moren-Grey.

**4:00 Call to Order / Welcome Roll Call**

Doug Grant called the meeting to order.

**4:05 Minutes from March 24, 2021 & April 28, 2021, Commission Meetings**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Robitaille moved to approve the Minutes from March 24, 2021 & April 28, 2021, as presented. It was seconded by Commissioner Irving.

**Commissioner Martland:** Yes.

**Commissioner Irving:** Yes.

**Commissioner Gorman:** Yes.

**Commissioner Butson:** Yes.

**Commissioner Robitaille:** Yes.

**Commissioner DeLalla:** Yes.

**Commissioner Moore:** I abstain for March 24th, as I was not there. But, yes, for April 28th.

**Commissioner Swan:** Yes.

**Commissioner Grant:** Abstain from March; yes for April.

**Commissioner Kelley:** Yes.

**Commissioner Knox:** Abstain both.

**Commissioner Gaetjens-Oleson:** Abstain both.

**Commissioner Fish:** Yes.

**Commissioner Klebe:** Yes.

**The motion carried.**

**4:10 Budget Review & Approval**

James Steele presented the snapshot to the Commissioners and went over the budget. Discussion was had regarding comparing previous years to the current year, as well as specific line items.

**MOTION: Commissioner Robitaille moved to accept the proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Budget, as presented. It was seconded by Commissioner DeLalla.**

**Commissioner Martland:** Yes.

**Commissioner Irving:** Yes.

**Commissioner Gorman:** Yes.

**Commissioner Butson:** Yes.

**Commissioner Robitaille:** Yes.

**Commissioner DeLalla:** Yes.

**Commissioner Moore:** Yes.

**Commissioner Swan:** Yes.

**Commissioner Grant:** Yes.

**Commissioner Kelley:** Yes.

**Commissioner Knox:** Yes.

**Commissioner Gaetjens-Oleson:** Yes

**Commissioner Fish:** Yes.

**Commissioner Klebe:** Yes.

**The motion carried.**

**5:00 American Rescue Plan Funding**

Ms. Moren-Grey went over the deadline and provided background regarding the ARP Funding. She went over the rationale behind Towns applying and how many have already submitted their applications. Discussion was had regarding projects that could be covered by ARP.

**5:15 Housing Report**

Kaela Tavares went over the Housing Report. She indicated that there would be a bigger presentation at the October meeting. Discussion was had regarding the quality of affordable housing, as well as the current housing trends and the Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

**5:45 Byway Enhancement Awards**

Commissioner Martland discussed the awards. He indicated that awards for Phase 1 have been announced. He presented a PowerPoint slideshow. Discussion was had commending highlighting good work being done in the area.

**5:55 Other Business**

Commissioner Swan spoke about the Dalton proposed landfill and the impacts it would have on the land. He spoke about his desires to draft a letter prior to September 13, 2021, to the Wetlands Bureau, DES urging denial. Discussion was had regarding the route to the landfill, as well as the landfill's impact to the region.

**5:55 Public Comment**

None.

**6:00 Adjournment**

**MOTION: Commissioner Irving moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Commissioner Martland.**

**The motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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