

FRANCONIA*EASTON*SUGAR HILL
ANNUAL TRI-TOWN SELECT BOARDS MEETING
OCTOBER 25, 2021 AT THE CAROLINE CRAPO BUILDING IN SUGAR HILL

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

Sugar Hill Board Members Present: Richard Bielefield, Margaret Connors, Chris Elms

Easton Board Members Present: Toni Woodruff, Bob Thibault

Others Present: Jennifer Gaudette, Kim Cowles, Jenny Monahan, Tim Blake, Karen Foss, Peter & Mary Grote, Dawn Steele

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

Transfer Station Manager Tim Blake reviewed his budget with the boards. He said shipping costs are on the rise and that has resulted in the cost of PAYT bags nearly doubling. That line is requested to increase from \$11,000 to \$22,000. The Glass and Plastic line will be exceeded due to increased material coming in and will need to be adjusted for next year. There will be a surplus in Health Insurance due to staffing changes throughout the year. Tim said there is an increase in income due to an improved recycling market.

Selectman Connors suggested increasing the cost of the PAYT bags to help meet the cost increase. After some discussion, the three boards agreed to increase the small bags from \$1.75 each to \$2.00 and the large bags from \$2.50 to \$3.00, effective immediately. The charge for contractor bags will increase from \$4.00 to \$5.00. Tim will notify the stores that sell the bags of the new pricing tomorrow.

Kim Cowles reviewed the Recreation budget with the boards. She said some of the income lines reflect \$0 due to the Rec Van not being used and NC Soccer Camp not being held this year. There were no field trips due to the pandemic so that line is unspent.

She said the Pool & Facilities line will be exceeded as we used Bethlehem's pool and swimming instructors this year but she is hoping to have our own instructors for next year as some counselors are interested in getting their instructor certification. She noted that the Rink & Ice Skating lines are mostly intact but those funds will be spent soon when the rink gets up and running. The Vehicle Repairs line is unspent but the van is going for its inspection soon and those funds may still be used for this year.

The recently held Halloween Cup was briefly discussed at the closing of the meeting.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Monahan
Administrative Secretary