

Franconia, Easton & Sugar Hill  
ANNUAL TRI-TOWN SELECT  
BOARD MEETING

January 23, 2023 AT THE CAROLINA CRAPO BUILDING IN SUGAR HILL

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Franconia Board Members Present: Jill Brewer, Eric Meth (via telephone), Dan Walker

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

Easton Board Members Present: Toni Woodruff, Zak Mei

Others Present: Jennifer Gaudette, Sharon Penney, Tim Blake, Karen Foss, Mary & Peter Grote, Dawn Steele, Steve Carter

The meeting was called to order at 4:30pm.

The Franconia Board will be sharing the Tri Town Recreation Director Job Description. They are investigating part time with the same person doing the Laftercare at the school.

No budget at this time but will share when available. New swing purchased and question as to how this needs to be paid out of CRF. Felt it needed a tri town approval. Jennifer to follow up with Franconia Trustee Jan Cole.

Transfer Station:

Meadowstone will be installing compost collection containers at the Tri Town Transfer Station. Enough storage with the purchase of the shipping container this past year. Tim was able to get a grant for approximately \$1,000 from NH the beautiful toward the cost.

No budget handout available but Tim Blake and Sharon Penney walked through the Transfer Station Budget that they were working on.

Income:

Projected to be around \$170,000. Anticipate the PAYT Bags, special Handling, bulk waste and recycled material to be down. There is no need to purchase any bags this year. Stock is adequate.

Expenses:

No information on insurance or employee wages. Franconia asked what Sugar Hill was using for COLA this year as they were contemplating 3%.

Contracted services are expected to be much higher. Glass is shipped 5 times a year through NRRRA. Plastic varies 2/3 times a month by Casella. The Casella fees are doubling per container leaving from \$229.45 to 476.45. This is just the hauling fee.

Discussion on Mt. Carbery and Eric Meth has spoken with them and thinks, we may be able to get in. Still need to haul and it would be further. Tipping fees would be less. Margo noted that we can get out of the Pemi Baker contract. Sharon mentioned that she has worked with Normandeau trucking and will contact them in regard to costs. Tonnage from last year was 250 gross construction and demolition debris and 500 municipal waste.

Sugar Hill had previously set up a meeting with Casella to discuss the increase. Jennifer will set up another meeting with Margo, Eric, Toni and Tim to attend.

The Compactor has been repaired with assistance from the Highway department. It was also mentioned that the skid steer uses over 400 gallons of diesel fuel and that has been supplied by Franconia Highway. That is a cost that should be shared as should any labor such as the painting of the buildings done by highway crew. This year new ramps were installed, gutters and the building painted.

Paving the area where people come in and drop off was estimated previously at \$38,000, will get an updated number and all agreed it would be important to do. Would help manage water run off and solve the spring and fall mud. Tim will install some additional large rocks that protect the employees and buildings and keep the current barriers. They also discussed something taller and also freestanding stanchions with like a rope. Updated lighting with LED will be done as well.

Sharon will get some numbers to Sugar Hill and Easton who have their budget hearings the next two Mondays.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Gaudette  
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Town of Sugar Hill