

MINUTES
FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Monday, April 11, 2016

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 3:00 pm on Monday, April 11, 2016 at the Franconia Town Hall. Regular members in attendance were Bernie Costa, Eric Meth, John Lachapelle, and Sally Small.

Guests of the Board:

Others in attendance: Peter Grote, Mary Grote, Dawn Steele, Karen Foss & Larry Plate

SELECTMEN'S TIME:

BOS Minutes 4/4/2016: A formal reading of the April 4, 2016 minutes was waived and the minutes were approved.

FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:

Transaction Lists - 4/14/16 - Approved and signed by the Board
Tax Anticipation Note – Approved and signed by the Board
Solar Permit – O’Neil (M8/L1-24) Approved and signed by the Board
Building Permit – C Luke Lore – Renovations to 8 Motel rooms- Approved and signed by the Board.
Current Use Application – Oliver – M31/L 13 & 14 – Approved and signed by the Board.

APPOINTMENTS:

3:00 – Open Time – Larry Plate a resident of Plantation Road, asked the Board what the plans were for the repairing the road after the two flooding incidents that occurred in February. He wanted to know why the part of the road which used to be paved when he had bought his property many years ago had never been repaved. The Board decided to plan a meeting with the concerned residents and the road agent so their questions could be answered. Mr. Plate agreed to call the Town Office to schedule the meeting that would be convenient for the Plantation Road residents. The Board also agreed to go to Pennyroyal Lane at 3:00pm on April 25th to discuss the emergency access with the property owners, Mark Taylor and Scott Leslie.

Peter Grote updated the Board on the Northern Pass meetings and shared with them the NH DOT Right of Way maps showing the proposed Northern Pass route under the bridge in the center of town. In looking at the maps he felt that Peabody & Smith should have been notified as an abutter but they hadn't been. He explained that the maps had more detail and that he would supply the Town office with a set. Bernie asked Peter if he knew when the amended plans were going to be available. Peter did not know.

John Lachapelle gave Bernie and Eric a draft of a policy regarding hiring family members of employees that he had worked on and asked that they review the document so it could be addressed at a future meeting.

TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:

Septic Design-Bodell (M21/L10)– John asked a question that the plan showed a prospective new 4 bedroom house. It was his understandings that because of the proximity to the river they could only renovate the existing house not build a new one. It was agreed to have Sally contact Allan Clark for clarification.

Town Hall Staffing Committee – Sally told the Board that she had contacted Pauline Palmer to see if she would join the committee and she agreed to become a member.

Committee Instructions- The Board reviewed the draft letter Bernie had written for the Salary, Wages and Benefits committee members. John felt that the committee should also work on job descriptions and educational requirements as well as the hours of operation. John a questioned whether or not the volunteer committees had to adhere to the Right to Know laws. Bernie felt they did and that all meetings were to be held in public, minutes taken and no emails or phone calls of substance pertaining to the committee work could take place. John disagreed and it was decided to have Sally contact Laura Spector-Morgan for guidance.

The Board agreed to have the members of the Salary, Wages and Benefits Committee and the Town Hall Staffing Committee come in on Monday April 18th at 4:00 to meet with the Board to discuss their tasks and answer any questions that the committee members might have of the Board. John asked Sally to make available four copies of the MRI report for the Town Hall Staffing Committee.

The Board agreed that the Advisory Finance Committee hadn't met since 2011 and did not see the need for continuing it so John made a motion to disband the committee; Eric seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Tri-Town Agreement – Sally gave the selectmen copies of the Tri-Town Recreation Agreement that John Hynes of Easton had worked on. The board will review the agreement and discuss it next week.

NCC Transportation Advisory Committee Representative- The board agreed to have the Planning Board appoint the representative.

Tour of the Town Building – The Board walked through the building to see what needed attention. The list included the following:

- Main Hall flooring, doors, windows and radiator covers
- Selectmen's Office flooring & ceiling tiles
- Portico ceiling
- Downstairs storage area

4:30 – Closed Session – Legal and Personnel – As per RSA 91-3:II (e) & (c) the Board voted to go into closed session. At 5:10 pm the Board voted to come out of closed session and seal the minutes.

The Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally L. Small
Administrative Assistant