

**MINUTES  
FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

**Monday, April 13, 2015**

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 3:00 pm on Monday April 13, 2015 at the Franconia Town Hall. Regular members in attendance were Bob Montagno, Bernie Costa, Erc Meth and Suzy MacDonald

Guests of the Board – Jeff Phillips

Also attending – Donn Lathrup, Peter Grote, and Karen Foss

<b>SELECTMEN'S TIME:</b>
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**BOS Minutes 04/06/2015:** Formal readings of the April 6, 2015 BOS meeting minutes were waived. The minutes of April 6, 2015 were approved with the following corrections.

- Pg. 1 - Surplus Energy....the Board *will* discuss this at the April 27th meeting when they meet
- Pg. 1 - Angelo Costa - Fill the vacancy on the Conservation Commission that resulted *from* John Lachapelle resigning.
- Pg 2 - Harriet Taylor - make note that . *The Tower Clock Repair contract was distributed to the Board along with a time line for clock work.* .
- Pg 2. - Delinquent Tax Contact - was scheduled for *Tuesday* never happened
- Pg 3 - will ask Brad Baily our State *legislator* to petition the legislature.

**Closed Minutes 04/06/2015 will be presented for approval at the next meeting as not all members of the Select Board had received.**

<b>FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:</b>
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**Transaction List for 04/16/2015-** The Board reviewed and signed the transaction list for 04/16/2015.

**Appointment - Angelo Costa - Conservation Commission -** The Board reviewed and signed an appointment for Angelo Costa to the Conservation Commission.

**Appointment - Trevor Presby - CIP -** The Board reviewed and signed an appointment for Trevor Presby to the CIP.

**Forest Fire Report/Bill - Training -** The Board reviewed and signed a Forest Fire Report/Bill for training.

<b>APPOINTMENTS:</b>
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**3:00 pm - Jeff Phillips -** Jeff was approached by the museum about the Honor Roll sign that is outside of the Town Hall. Can this sign be brought inside to the hall to help protect it from the elements? This sign has not been redone in years, if at all. After some discussion Bernie, Bob and Eric would like to

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have it kept outside so people can see it. Jeff will look into how much it would cost to have it redone. He will see if it can be coated or enclosed in glass. Jeff to get cost of preserving and he will come back to the Select Board with a price. The Honor Roll list area residents who fought in WW II. The ones with a star died during the war.

Jeff met with Cemetery committee and does not know what the role of the Committee is. Jeff has bylaws that he wrote up several years ago. The Select Board recommends that Jeff become familiar with a book called Knowing the Territory, there is a section on Cemetery Trustees which he can reference. Ask Kay make a copy of this for Jeff.

<b>TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:</b>
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**Safe Routes to School** - Bernie is still researching. Coordinating the Intersection with the sidewalks for further discussion. She is in contact with Chief Monaghan and Road Agent Scott Leslie.

**Zoning Ordinance Vote** - Bill Mead has been given three options to correct this vote. Bernie has been in contact with Bill. They are looking to get Brad Bailey, our local legislator, involved who may be able to seek a legislative correction of the procedural defect.

**Mike Hern** -Mike is in possession of passwords and software discs that belong to the Town of Franconia. Mike was our computer support in the past. The Town elected to use another company for about the same amount of money. The Town of Franconia started with Profile Technologies in March of 2015. Mike has all passwords and security keys which allows access to software. He may also have all the software discs. Bob would like to send him a letter to have him provide all the information to us as this is town property. The letter will be sent Certified mail, return receipt requested.

Karen Foss would like to know if there a reason why he is being uncooperative? He does not have the current contract with us. This is another reason to get the Technology Committee going.

**Public Safety Building documents & drawings** - We have several documents provided by the contractors in our possession. Bob is wrestling with how to secure the documents. Systems are very complex. Worried about them being misplaced. Is the library a good place for it? Would be signed out as used. Bob would like to suggest that Chief Rick Gaudette come over and say what he would like to have copies of. Then it will be decided how to approach. Talking about NCC intern doing a project to organize. Some information is on the thumb drive. Bernie will also look at.

**Technology Committee** - Bob Montagno has talked to Davis Mangold and he is still interest. Virginia Mike is also interested. Bob would like to get this Committee going as soon as we can.

**Cannon Mtn View** - Is going up for Auction as seen in the local newspaper. How far has this gone in the lien process with the Town of Franconia? Eric Meth has been in touch with the Towns Attorney and they will work together on this situation. Bob read the Heritage Museum story and it's quite a historical building.

**Dow Clock** - Harriet Taylor spoke to the Select Board last week about the work of Donn Lathrop and his contract was reviewed. The Town heard what had to be done, the town had a warrant article to

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contribute \$10,000 for the fixing of the mechanism of the clock. Only authorized to spend \$10,000 from the Town. This has gone beyond expected costs. There has been some fundraising efforts and money has been raised to cover some additional costs. Eric Meth may have a conflict of interest on this subject as a Select Board member. There is a committee who has been working on this Dow Clock. Sally has been very involved since the beginning. She should clarify what has been expended for what and from which account. Put on agenda for next meeting. Discussed various people involved in the project. The Dow Association was not consulted on this project. Discussed the various items of work that has been done. More facts are needed before any money can be paid out or any more work can be done. The issue the Select Board has is what happens with Mr. Lathrup and where does he stand? Where has the money gone? This project was initiated by citizens.

Bob, discussed the points of the contract. Eric reviewed the language in the contract and it may not cover all of the situations. Bob feels this is a minor issue and may have just delayed the process.

The Select Board would like to have Sally discuss the finances and scope of work done to the Dow Clock and go from there. Where did the \$10,000 go? Have her discuss with the SB on the 27th of April.

Have the clock committee hold off doing any more work if they are out of money. Donn Lathrup says there are no further charge from him.. All money has been paid to him that was owed and he just wants to get the clock finished and running. Not going to cost the town a penny more to have Donn around. Harriet Taylor was here last week and that was not the understanding. Donn needs to hook up the three faces of the clock and get them going. One dial was running. He could not put together the rest of the way due to the weather. Donn speaks with Harriet when he goes up to the steeple. Harriet told him to not do this and to stop his work on the clock. Discussed things not covered in the contract. Town has spent all the money we were allowed to spend. Any additional billing has to go to the Committee. Many facts still to gather. Not a Select Board decision to tell him to finish the clock, it's up to the Committee. Now it is up the Dow Academy Association or Harriet Taylor to make a decision. Dow Academy Association has not acted in this at all.

### **Other Items Discussed but not on the Agenda:**

**Harvard Street, has a house in disrepair.** The Select Board recollection is that Allen Clark, Building Inspector condemned part of the building. Where does this matter stand? Was the homeowner notified.? Taxes are paid/ water is paid. Ask Allan Clark where this stands. The house is not secure, it's a hazard.

**Wells Road and Kerr Road** there is a house that is having work done on it. Owner came in and discussed what he wanted to do. Suzy is asked to find the minutes of them coming in. Dumpster is sitting there. Did he ever get a building permit? The Select Board would like to follow up on this.

**Invite Allan Clark to discuss the above two issues at the next meeting.**

**Need to follow up on Evergreen Apts.**

**Who would like to attend the 2015 Local Officials Workshop?** Eric and Bernie will both attend.

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**Come in on the 17 of April to sign transaction lists.**

**Suzy will send closed session minutes** to all Select Board Members from April 6, 2015.

<b>ITEMS TO REVISIT</b>
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Overtime Policy for HW/BG - 03/30/2015 **(To discuss in the Fall with the Road Agent)**

Mittersill Roads Winter Policy – 04/06/15 **(To discuss in the Fall with the Road Agent)**

Road Safety Report - 03/30/2015, 4/13/15

Safe Routes to School - 03/30/2015, 4/13/15

Dow Clock – 04/06/15, 4/13/15

Technology Committee – 04/06/15, 4/13/15

Zoning Ordinance Vote - 04/13/15

Mike Hern - 4/13/2015

Harvard Street House - 4/13/15

Honor Roll Sign at Town Hall - 4/13/15

Evergreen Apts - 4/13/15

<b>FOR YOUR INFORMATION:</b>
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**Office of Energy and Planning Annual Training May 2, 2015 - This information will go with Eric to the Planning Board.**

Selectman Montagno adjourned the public meeting at 4:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sally Small, Administrative Assistant

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