

**MINUTES
FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

Monday, April 16, 2012

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 5:00 pm on Monday, April 16, 2012 at the Franconia Town Hall. Regular members in attendance were, John Lachapelle, Rollie Barnaby, Ted Hoyle Sally Small and Suzy MacDonald.

Guests of the Board – Mark Taylor and Greg Wells (Greg was not in attendance)

Also:

John Lachapelle called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

SELECTMEN'S TIME:

BOS Minutes 04/09/2012: Formal readings of the April 09, 2012 BOS meeting minutes were waived. The minutes of April 09, 2012 were approved as written.

FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:

Checks and Transaction List for 04/19/12 - The Board reviewed and signed the checks and transaction list for 04/19/12.

Elderly Exemption – Map 14/Lot 20 – The Board reviewed and signed an Elderly Exemption for Map 14/Lot 20.

Appointment Planning Board Alternate – The Board reviewed and signed an Appointment for Thad Presby as an Alternate to the Planning Board.

Federal Surplus Property Application/Agreement – The Board reviewed and signed the Federal Surplus Property Application and Agreement.

APPOINTMENTS:

5:00 – Mark Taylor – Police Department 1st Q Budget Review – Mark reviewed with the Board the 1st Q Police Department Budget. Mark will look further into the recent brake work done on the Expedition due to the cost of the work.

Mark discussed the need to purchase a pedestrian crossing sign for the Garnet Hill area. He will place an order soon.

Mark also briefed the Board on an incident involving a resident and the Police Department that has recently resurfaced. A file of all reports was given to the Select Board.

5:30 – Greg Wells - Transfer Station 1st Q Budget Review – Sally reviewed the 1st Q Budget for the Transfer Station with the Select Board. (Greg was unable to attend.) John would like for Greg to purchase a sign that could have all of the fees posted and also state that receipts were available on request. Greg should be giving a receipt for all cash purchases.

John would also like to know how Greg uses the uniform money that is in his budget. This amounts to \$600.00.

TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:

Performance Evaluations – Were distributed to the Select Board and they will be given to each Department Head. These will be given to the Departments Heads at a meeting on April 24, 2012. All Evaluations are due back prior to December 1, 2012.

Sale of State Owned land in Franconia – The State of NH has notified the Town of Franconia of a parcel of land for sale. By law it needs to be offered to the Town first. The Select Board would like for Sally to check with the Conservation Commission and see if the land would be beneficial to them. It is being offered at \$18,100 for 13 acres.

258 Old County Road –Sally read an email from the current owner of 258 Old County Road and from Peabody and Smith Realty to the Board. Sally also researched the file on that location and read an email received by the owner in September of 2001. Sally also was able to find the original building permit which was signed and had the following condition attached. “The Barn/workshop out building may not be utilized as a dwelling as such use would not be in conformance with present zoning regulations – (see article III, section I.)”

The Select Board will review the file in detail and would still like to pass the information onto the Town’s Attorney.

Newspaper Ad – Police Chief –Ted has taken the ad and will review it.

Cell Phone Policy –A cell phone policy was put together and was instituted some time ago. One employee continues to be out of compliance with the policy. This employee owes \$204 for all the extra things he does with the phone. His supervisor is aware of the problem but does not have the level of detail presented to the Select Board today. He will need to pay up and his phone will be brought back to a basic phone plan. The Select Board would like to see the employee and his supervisor on Monday.

Code of Ethics - The Code of Ethics is to be distributed to current board and committee members as well as new members. Sally will give a copy to each Chair of the various Boards and Committees.

Sally discussed scheduling for 1st Q Budget Reviews.

The Select Board is waiting for minutes from the Annual Meeting to be prepared. The Board is particularly interested in the Article regarding the Franconia Children’s Center. Franconia Children's Center Article is to be reviewed by the Select Board who will then prepare a packet for Town Counsel who is already aware of the issue.

John is asking Sally to call Local Government Center and ask that our representative come and speak with the employees regarding other health insurance options to the current plan. Sally will set this up for the near future.

John discussed the sidewalk in front of 35 Main Street and would like to have more information on the Town’s responsibility of providing a sidewalk in this area.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Police Study Panel Public Meeting 4/19/12 @6:30pm

Selectman Lachapelle adjourned the meeting at 6:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne MacDonald, Executive Secretary