

**MINUTES
FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

Monday, April 22, 2013

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 3:00 pm on Monday, April 22, 2013 at the Franconia Town Hall. Regular members in attendance were John Lachapelle, Ted Hoyle, Bob Montagno, Sally Small and Suzy MacDonald.

Guests of the Board- Chief John Monaghan, Scott Leslie, Chuck Lovett, Ken King and Chief Paul Schmucker

Also – Dinny Richmond & Peter Ainsworth

Ted Hoyle called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

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| SELECTMEN'S TIME: |
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BOS Minutes 4/15/2013: Formal readings of the April 15, 2013 BOS meeting minutes were waived. The minutes of April 15, 2013 were approved.

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| FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL: |
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Transaction List for 4/25/13 - The Board reviewed and signed the checks and transaction list for 4/25/13.

ZBA Committee Appointments were reviewed and signed by the Select Board.

Building Permit – Mary Nehring – A Building Permit for Mary Nehring was reviewed and signed by the Select Board.

Building Permit – AHEAD – Map 14/Lot 106 – A Building Permit for AHEAD was reviewed and signed by the Select Board.

Building Permit – Rosenfeld – Map 4/Lot 10 – A Building Permit for Rosenfeld was reviewed and signed by the Select Board.

Building Permit – Presby – M14/Lot 79 –A Building Permit for Presby was reviewed and signed with the condition that Brian Williams from the Planning Board signs the site plan review. The Select Board also reviewed and signed a lot line merger for Presby.

PA-29 Tax Credit – Veteran – Laflamme (2) – PA-29 Tax Credit for Veterans Exemption for Laflamme was reviewed and signed by the Select Board.

Contract from Fern's Masonry, Inc – Abbie Greenleaf Library Steps – The contract was reviewed and discussed.

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| APPOINTMENTS: |
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3:00 – Chief John Monaghan/Scott Leslie – John M discussed with the Select Board the proposed signs for Bickford Hill Road, “No Thru Trucks”. The Select Board has jurisdiction and the Police Chief would recommend 26,000 lbs or less (13 tons). This will require having a public meeting to post this road.

Sally will talk with Sugar Hill about having a joint meeting with them since Bickford Hill Road is in both towns. Road Agents can issue permits in emergency cases to trucks that may have necessary business on that road. John M will also look into town ordinances on load limits.

Scott would like to go to a summer schedule working four nine hour days and a half day on Fridays. The Board approves this change.

A Public Hearing will need to be held to change the road conditions on Timber Lane and on Toad Hill Road. Scott and crew will have a handout to give residences on these roads. A Public Meeting will be held on May 1, 2013 at 7pm at the Town Hall.

Bids for Cole Hill and Magowen are starting to come in for reclaiming and paving the two bad sections.

Scott has done some drainage work at the Transfer Station. He still has a little more work to do. The Transfer Station still has a scent. The building is built around the compactor. The cans are still "running" with liquid. The pitch is still wrong and they will work to correct it. It would be worth them using some lime to help get rid of the smell.

The 5500 is in need of some work that will involve having the transmission flushed.

The Library sidewalk was discussed and the Highway is still planning on doing some of the work. More information will follow directly to the Highway Department.

3:30 – Chuck Lovett – Abbie Greenleaf Library – Chuck distributed several handouts including an application for a grant along with a schedule of repairs for outdoor library renovations. Much discussion centered on the library sidewalk and the street level sidewalk. The town does not have enough money to fix the whole area of sidewalk discussed but will certainly look into fixing the part in front of the library entrance, prior to the Library sidewalk. The handrails will need to be replaced once the steps are repaired and this is currently unfunded. Keep in mind this is a historic building.

The proposal from Northeast Masonry was reviewed. We do qualify for the Moose Plant Conservation Fund and we will apply for this grant two years in a row. The maximum amount given is \$10,000 per year. The Library has received a \$10,000 anonymous pledge to match the grant. The paperwork for the project may need to be revised to show the full scope of the project.

Bob would remind the Library to bring this proposal to the CIP incase grants are not obtained.

The Select Board and the Highway would like to walk around with Chuck to revisit what will need to be done at the Library.

4:00 – Ken King – Septic Designs at Mittersill – Two septic designs were reviewed for Mittersill. One is for a replacement and one is for a new system. Neither meets the setback requirements. Both will be sent with a letter stating both systems do not meet our setbacks to the State of NH for their approval.

4:15 – Chief Paul Schmucker – Life Squad 1st Q Budget Review & Staffing – Paul and the Select Board reviewed the Life Squads 1st Q Budget.

John discussed with Paul the staffing of the Life Squad. Of concern was the failure to respond level in 2012. A summary put together by Tom Andross was reviewed and distributed. This report was also compared to the 2012 Annual Report figures. Paul got his figures for the Annual Report from the reports he receives from Comstar, the billing company we use. There were 14 people who got paid in 2012 for calls. There continue to be 10-12 people who go to calls on a regular basis. Paul has two people who are

interested in joining the squad, one being at the intermediate level. Paul is going to see Tom Andross to get answers to questions that he has. The Select Board would like for Paul to come back and meet with them after he has a chance to do some research.

TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:

5 Safety Manual Policies - John would like to see the RSA that is cited in the policy be attached to the policy. The Select Board adopted into the safety manual the following policies: Flagperson, Workers' Right-to-Know, Bloodborne Pathogens, Lock out, and Respiratory Protection.

Timberlane & Toad Hill Road Meeting will be scheduled for May 1, 2013 at 7pm at the Town Hall.

Email from Jack Cook Re: Alternative Power Supply was discussed using an email that Jack Cook sent. The Select Board is not prepared to make a decision at this point. They would invite Jack Cook to meet with them and give them more information on the programs that are available.

Letter from Ted & Kate Marvelli was reviewed and discussed. No action will be taken at this time.

Letter from Primex re: 2013 Premium Holiday (Phase II) Worker's Comp – The Town will receive a Premium Holiday of \$10,772 in 2013 from Primex for our Worker's Compensation Program.

Town Hours Sign was reviewed and will be put up by Jeff Phillips.

A conference call will be held later this week with the Town's Attorney regarding a pending matter.

Summer Hours were discussed. During the months of June, July, and August 2013 we will meet the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. The meetings will start at 3pm.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Selectman Hoyle adjourned the meeting at 5:30 pm

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne MacDonald, Executive Secretary