

# FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, April 25, 2016**

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 3:00 pm on Monday, April 25, 2016 at Pennyroyal Lane. Regular members in attendance were Bernie Costa, John Lachapelle, and Herbie Bartlett.

Guests of the Board: Scott Leslie, Mark Taylor

**Others in attendance:** Dawn Steele, Mary Grote, Peter Grote, Karen Foss, Joyce Krill, Carol & Jim Walker, Lynn Terrace

## SELECTMEN'S TIME:

**BOS Minutes 4/25/2016:** A formal reading of the April 18, 2016 minutes was waived and the amended minutes were approved.

## FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:

**Transaction Lists - 4/28/16 - Approved and signed by the Board**

**Building Permit – Pettiglio M31/L40 – not signed**

**Building Permit – Mellaci M29/L23 - signed**

## APPOINTMENTS:

**3:00 – Visit to Pennyroyal Lane** – The Select Board met with some of the owners from Forest Hills Home Owners Association in regards to the emergency access into the backside of Plantation Road during the flood of Plantation Road this spring. The town did not realize that they were on the Walker's property. Mark Taylor instructed Scott Leslie to cut some trees, remove some boulders and bring in 7 loads of rock so that they could get the fire trucks and emergency vehicles into the backside of Plantation Road during the flood. The town will put the land back to the way it was before the emergency access was performed. The Association thought that the town wanted to gate their walking trail for emergency access and this is not the case. The Association does not want to give anyone access to their walking trails. In case of a future emergency, the Road Agent and Emergency Management Director will contact Mr. Huggett and Dr. MacArthur to have a plan in place which will include crossing both properties and cutting approximately 10 small trees to enable the large trucks to navigate the terrain.

**3:45 – Open Time** – Scott Leslie came in to give a report on the roads that he would like to pave this year. He is proposing to put a 1" overlay on Lafayette Drive that he prepped last year. Lafayette Road a short section at the corner by Toad Hill Road and up to the town line which is about 1600 feet. Kerr Road they will top coat. Bickford Hill off 116 down to the road and 25 feet on the other side of the bridge to tend to the non-stop pot holes. Wells Road from the Horse & Hound to Route 18 a shim and one inch overlay. Wallace Hill at the top by Reinhold's and up the street 1500 feet where it turns to dirt. It will cost \$120K which is \$100K from CIP and \$20K from the highway block grant. The grant is \$57K this year.

They will tend to Mittersill at the end of the year. Highway Block Grant has to be spent each year. \$20K was cut out of CIP for roads to offset some of the effects of the Safety Services Building loan costs. The

Board recommended speaking with the Water Commissioners in regards to the work that they will be doing up at Mittersill this summer.

Scott put a lot of time into estimating the needs for the roads. He checked out Epping's cost of paving and the vendor that he likes and has had good luck with them and believes they can give us the best quality for the least money. The Select Board would like to get a copy of his documents and that should suffice for quotes. Scott will drop the docs off to the office for next week's meeting. He also wants to get a price for the paving of the town hall parking lot. Scott can come back next week at the beginning of the meeting at 300pm.

Scott has a concern about the springs on the town garage doors. The doors are messed up. One of the doors is not working. He will contact Overhead Doors in Saint Johnsbury. The doors have never been serviced. Any safety issues must be addressed. Anything else you will need an estimate. The expense will have to come out of the Building Maintenance Fund. Scott will call the company and have them come take a look at the doors.

**Northern Pass** – Peter Grote reported good news that the Board should be commended for intervening with the PUC. The Church of Christ became an intervener. They will lead the legal way and we just have to monitor. We went down the day before to the Adjutant General about lack of notice. Northern Pass had to reopen the whole schedule and inform everyone that has a river crossing.

**John Lachapelle** – made a request to be on the Salary Committee.

**4:15 – Closed Session – Legal**

**5:30 – Closed Session – to approve the minutes of last week's closed session**

<b>TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:</b>
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**Blasting Regulations on Building Permit** – Allan Clark feels we do not need this.

The Board would like to add a note on the Building Permit that states: Any blasting shall comply with the States Regulations (RSA 31:39)

**Items to Revisit – Employee/Family Hiring Policy- revisit next week.**

**Mittersill Tax Map Corrections – revisit next week.**

**Northern Pass Meeting at Sugar Hill on Tuesday** - Bernie will write an email in regards to this.

**Letter from Gary Roberge – Avitar** – Bernie read to the Board. This has been appealed to the Supreme Court per Eric Meth.

**MTAG Grant** - accepted.

**Energy Commission** – Avitar Map presentation 3 or 4 years ago. It was costly and we said no.

**4:15pm – Closed Session – Legal and Personnel** – As per RSA 91-3:II (e) the Board voted to go into closed session. At 4:45 pm the Board voted to come out of closed session and seal the minutes.

**5:30pm – Closed Session – Legal and Personnel** – As per RSA 91-3:II (e) the Board voted to go into closed session. At 5:39 pm the Board voted to come out of closed session and seal the minutes.

**The Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 pm.**

Respectfully submitted, Herbie Bartlett, Executive Secretary