

**MINUTES
FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

Monday, April 6, 2015

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 3:00 pm on Monday April 6, 2015 at the Franconia Town Hall. Regular members in attendance were Bob Montagno, Bernie Costa, and Sally Small

Guests of the Board – Eric Meth, Angelo Costa, Harriet Taylor & Greg Wells

Also attending – Dinny Richmond, Lydia Cumbee, Jayne O’Connor, Karen Foss, Dawn Steele, Peter & Mary Grote

SELECTMEN’S TIME:

BOS Minutes 03/30/2015: Formal readings of the March 30, 2015 BOS meeting minutes were waived. The minutes of March 30, 2015 were approved with the following corrections.

Pg 2. Bob will *ask Sally to* look into the legal’s of this.

Pg 3. Bernie would like to see overtime records for the last three *winters* for the departments.

Pg 3. No action was *taken* in the past and *so* many items go unresolved.

Pg. 3 Mediation *will be* tomorrow at 11:30.

FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:

Transaction List for 04/09/2015- The Board reviewed and signed the transaction list for 04/09/2015.

Appointment – Eric Meth – Selectman Bob Montagno told the board that Eric Meth had submitted a letter of interest for the position of selectmen vacated by the resignation of John Lachapelle. Bernie Costa made a motion to appoint Eric Meth, Bob Montagno seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Appointment – Karen Foss – CIP Bernie Costa made a motion to appoint Karen Foss, Bob Montagno seconded it and the vote was unanimous.

Surplus Property Agreement – The Board will discuss this at the April 27th meeting when they meet with the Department Heads.

APPOINTMENTS:

3:00 pm- Angelo Costa- Angelo Costa met with the board to inform them that he would like to be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Conservation Commission that resulted from John Lachapelle resigning. After hearing his background and former work with many members of the Conservation Commission, Eric Meth made a motion to appoint Angelo Costa and Bob Montagno seconded it. Both Eric Meth and Bob Montagno voted to appoint Angelo Costa with Bernie Costa abstaining from voting.

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3:15 pm – Harriet Taylor - Harriet Taylor met with the board to brief the new members on the work that has been done to date on the Dow Clock and to explain the problems we had with Donn Lathrop and why we have asked Phil D’Avanza to finish the job. The Tower Clock Repair contract was distributed to the Board along with a time line for clock work. The board will also have to deal with Donn Lathrop when and if he comes back looking for the final third of his contract.

Once the weather warms up, Phil D’Avanza will come back and finish the job. He will also be bringing the smaller Bell-Hammer Actuator, which will run the clock, to install. Before the actuator can be installed an electrician will have to put in the 220 volts.

3:45 pm – Greg Wells – The board voted to go into closed session per RSA 91-A3, 11(c).

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| TO DISCUSS/REVIEW: |
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Planning Board Rep – Eric Meth agreed to be the selectman’s representative on the Planning Board.

Delinquent Tax Contact – Bob Montagno explained that last week’s tax mediation with Rock Bastianelli that was scheduled for Tuesday never happened because Rock never appeared. Bob Montagno also explained that John Lachapelle had always been the contact with the town attorney and that the board needed to have someone else become the main contact to work with the town attorney and with the tax collector. Eric Meth agreed to be the contact person.

Road Safety Audit Coordination – After reviewing the audit that has to do with the intersection of Route 18 and Route 116 prepared by the State, Bob Montagno felt that rather than have Bernie Costa coordinate the efforts with the State, Scott Leslie would be in a better position to know what we could do with and without the state. Bernie Costa suggested that she could work with both Scott Leslie and Chief John Monaghan to review the work described in the audit. It was agreed by all that the State probably would not have the money to do anything in Franconia. Sally Small agreed to send the 92 page audit to Eric Meth electronically so he could review it.

Technology Commission – Bob Montagno was concerned about the outdated technology that is being used by the departments and felt that creating a Technology Commission would be one way, as with the Energy Commission, to see what options are available to move the town departments more along in the use of technology. The discussion ended with the board looking for three people in the town that could be part of the Technology Committee (not Commission) with Davis Mangold being one of the three members.

Evergreen Apts. Resident Complaint. This was discussed in the non-public session per RSA 91-A3,II(c)

Other Items Discussed but not on the Agenda:

CIP – Bob Montagno has spoken to Trevor Presby about joining the CIP because of his extensive knowledge with trucks and heavy equipment. Trevor Presby agreed to serve so Bernie Costa made a motion to appoint him, Eric Meth seconded the motion and, the board unanimously voted to have Trevor Presby be a member of the CIP. Sally Small will have the appointment ready for the board to sign at the 4/13/15 meeting.

Emergency Management Job Description –Bernie Costa brought in an Emergency Management job description to be shared with Mark Taylor and John Monaghan.

Monday April 20th Meeting – Since Eric Meth, Bernie Costa and Sally Small will be away the board has cancelled the meeting. The Selectmen will review the checks on Friday the 17th.

2015 Zoning Ordinance Vote – Because the official zoning ordinance ballot was not handed out throughout the day with the official Town Ballot the vote was not legal. The three ways to remedy the situation are (1) wait until next year, (2) hold a special town meeting and (3) seek a legislative correction of the procedural defect.

The board decided to use the third option and will ask Brad Bailey our State legislator, to petition the legislature.

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| ITEMS TO REVISIT |
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Conservation Commission Appointment - 03/30/2015 **(Removed)**
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)**
Tax Mediation - 03/30/015 **(Removed)**
Road Safety Report - 03/30/2015
NCC Transportation Advisory Committee - 03/30/2015 **(Given to the Planning Board)**
Wetland Permit - UGO - 03/30/2015 **(Removed and given to Kim Cowles)**
Safe Routes to School - 03/30/2015
Dow Clock – 04/06/15
Technology Committee – 04/06/15

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| FOR YOUR INFORMATION: |
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Selectman Montagno adjourned the public meeting at 5:05 pm.
Respectfully submitted, Sally Small, Administrative Assistant

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