

**MINUTES
FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

Monday, August 10, 2015

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 3:05 pm on Wednesday, August 10, 2015 at the Franconia Town Hall. Regular members in attendance were Bob Montagno, Bernie Costa, Sally Small, and Herbie Bartlett.

Guests of the Board – Scott Leslie, Barbara Holt, Mary Brubaker

Also attending – Peter Grote, Karen Foss

SELECTMEN'S TIME:

BOS Minutes 08/03/2015: Formal readings of the August 3, 2015 BOS meeting minutes were waived. The minutes were approved with the following corrections:

Page 1 Scott Leslie – adding... **the town will pay health care costs until Jim's return and that his portion of those premiums will be repaid to the town when he returns to work. Further discussion will be needed.**

Page 1 - Add....**Scott was going to try to find someone with a CDL needs to be added.**

FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:

Transaction List for 08/13/15 – Approved and signed by the Board

Waiver of Interest – Daley M16/Lot 1-2 – Approved and signed by the Board.

Building Permit – Neeson M23/L19 (Storage Shed/Woodshed) – Approved and signed by the Board

APPOINTMENTS:

3:00 – Scott Leslie – Scott recommends hiring Chuck Herbert to fill in temporarily while Jim is out. He had put an application in when Jeremy Hall was hired. Scott will have him come in and see Sally to fill out the employment paperwork. With his CDL, Chucky can haul sand and work on the ditches with Jeremy. He is fine with the pay of \$15.00/hr with no benefits and knows what the job is all about.

Bernie found a paper saying that the state approved the stenciling of the STOP AHEAD on the road.

3:30 –Cemetery Trustees – Barbara Holt and Mary Brubaker met with the board to discuss what their role as a Cemetery Trustees should. The RSA’s state what they should be doing but most of the job is already being done Jeff and the office staff. The board felt that their role was to oversee the running of the cemetery. When lots are purchased in the cemetery, the money goes to the Trustees of the Trust Funds. The interest in that fund can be spent on cemetery maintenance. The question of whether the principal can be touched was discussed and Sally suggested that Barbara Holt get in touch Terry Knowles at the NH Charitable Trusts office for clarification. We have used the interest in the past to clean the stones. We need to make sure the cemetery is maintained. There are about 40 stones that need to be adjusted. Jeff does the leg work and then Sally takes the paperwork and Kay writes the deed for the selectmen to sign. The gate at Willow Cemetery is rusty and needs to be painted. The Trustees would be interested in knowing who is purchasing the plots in the Cemetery. Sally said she could make copies of the deeds for the trustees each time a plot is sold. The Trustees think that the no dogs policy should be revisited and that they should be allowed in the Cemeteries on a leash.

TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:

Laura Spector-Morgan - She will be at the August 24th BOS meeting at 2:30pm.

Harvard Street - Sally will contact Mr. Keyes to see what his intentions are for repairing the property now that he has had a chance to visit the property after many years.

Rebecca Brown – met with all the effected towns in regards to the Paramedic Intercept. She realizes it is a serious problem and she is working with the parties involved prior to meeting with the hospital.

Town Septic System - Bernie read an article on baby wipes being put into septic systems. Do we have septic issues? We should post a sign in the town bathrooms stating that only toilet paper is to be put in the toilet. The rink building where the public bathe room is located has its own septic. We will mention to Jeff and put the signage on his lists of projects. We can call the list “Public Work Projects” and get it updated and then emailed to all Scott & Jeff with copies going to the Selectmen.

Generator –Before the school lets us know if they are interested they want to see the specs to see if it will take care of what they need. Sally had discussed this with Chris Harris when he was here and he will get a hold of Rick Gaudette to find out what the size of the generator is. Once he has talked to Rick and find out what the size is he’ll talk to the school. Sally will keep an eye on it.

Performance Reviews – We will start goals in 2016. We have a form that Sally will provide for the next meeting.

ZBA - Bill Mellekas expressed an interest in being a zoning board member. He is currently a library trustee.

Tour of the Road Department – 2pm next week.

Closed Session - We will change the wording from now on the agendas to read Closed Session May Be scheduled.

ITEMS TO REVISIT

Google Apps/Number of Computers per Departments –Bob wanted to know the status of the switch over to Google App’s and g-mail. Sally told the board that emails had been switched to g-mail over the weekend with only a few minor glitches. Bob wanted a count all computers per department so the computer service cost could be prorated per each department. Sally will send an email to all departments regarding the proration.

Bernie made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Bob seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbie Bartlett
Executive Secretary