

**MINUTES  
FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

**Monday, August 11, 2014**

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 2:00 pm on Monday August 11, 2014 at the Franconia Town Hall. Regular members in attendance were John Lachapelle, Ted Hoyle, Bob Montagno, Suzy MacDonald and Sally Small

Guests of the Board – Scott Leslie and Greg Wells

John Lachapelle called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

**SELECTMEN'S TIME:**

**BOS Minutes 07/28/2014:** Formal readings of the July 28, 2014 BOS meeting minutes were waived. The minutes of July 28, 2014 were approved.

**FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:**

**Transaction List for 8/14/14** - The Board reviewed and signed the transaction list for 8/14/14.

**Safety Services Building Project Transaction List for 8/14/14** – The board reviewed and signed the transaction list for 8/14/14.

**Building Permit – Susan Thompson – Map 33 – Lot 3-2** –A Building Permit for Susan Thompson, Map 33 Lot 3-2 was reviewed and signed.

**Intent to Cut – Adrian – Map 15/Lot 20** – An Intent to Cut for Adrian Map 15/Lot 20 was reviewed and signed by the Select Board.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**2:00 – Department Head Meeting** – Scott Leslie, Greg Wells, and Sally Small were the Department Heads that attended this month's meeting. Budgets were shown and discussed in the new format. The Select Board would really like to hold off discussing this until all Department Heads are present.

Heating costs at the Transfer Station were discussed. They are hoping to add another furnace from the old Safety Services Building. He would be going from oil to propane.

The Transfer Station has not stopped working on Holidays yet due to most of them falling on a Monday. The Select Board is going to hold the position that the Transfer Station does not need to be open on a Holiday.

Scott discussed his 2<sup>nd</sup> Q Budget and 3<sup>rd</sup> Q Estimates. The repairs on vehicles have been over budget since the beginning of the first quarter and the Select Board has been aware of this. Propane will also be over budget. There is some talk of putting in ceiling fans to blow the warm air around. Scott will look into prices on fans.

Scott is getting a quote on the removal of an underground tank at the Mittersill fire Station and at the Town Hall. Clean Harbor removed a couple of 50 gallon barrels from the Safety Services Building for a price. The DOT will be holding a meeting to discuss the Lovett's Bridge on Route 18 on Thursday night at 6:30pm. The Select Board has asked Scott Leslie to attend the meeting.

Scott has many items at Mittersill that need to be looked into. One has to do with tax maps and property lines. He will ask Sally Small to help him. Sally will be able to look at the original plans from Mittersill. There is a resident who says he has a document showing the town property lines. This document must be produced.

The gravel at the end of the Airport will be purchased by the Highway Department. The stone at the end of the airport is going to the Safety Services Building. If Mr. Grote is thinking about opening the "pit" again he must go thru the whole permit process again.

Scott wants to do some shimming at the top of Wallace Hill. Scott has spent a fair amount of money with Pike Industries and with Nicom for the roads. He is asking to use money from road improvements. As long as he still has money in the budget for roads he can use it. Funding for trees being removed on Dow Ave will come from the Highway Block Grant. Stump grinding will not be done this year, there are no funds for this.

Sally discussed her budget. Fire Pond Easement still need to be worked on.

The Select Board will decide on how to proceed with the attendance at the Department Head Meetings.

**3:00 – Diana Brown – River Street Issues** – Diana's next door neighbor's house has been under construction for many, many years. She would like to know what the Town has requested of him. Some space in the house has been rented in the last few years. There are no permits on record for current work being done at the property. The Select Board says they are aware of some issues and the Building Inspector will be meeting with him on Wednesday.

<b>TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:</b>
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**Fall Meeting Schedule** – The Select Board will keep the summer schedule thru September of 2014, meeting as a Board on September 8, 2014 and September 22, 2014. In October they will go back to a weekly meeting.

**North Country Scenic Byways Membership** – To confirm the advisory role each Town must agree to participate with a couple of different options available. Maybe the Conservation Commission may want to participate. The Select Board feels we need to participate in this and we should designate a representative.

**NHDOT – Sign replacement along I-93** – Sign replacement along I-93 is underway. The Frost Place sign and the Heritage Museum sign will be taken down.

**Meg Brown the new Executive Director** of the Chamber would like to come in and meet the Select Board. Sally will schedule this.

**We are still waiting for the Audit.**

**A letter will be** written to Sam Fletcher regarding a sewer problem at his main street property.

<b>FOR YOUR INFORMATION:</b>
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**ACHS Open House**

**Franconia Community Church of Christ Thank You**

**Lincoln NH ZBA Hearing**

Selectman Lachapelle adjourned the meeting at 3:44 pm

Respectfully submitted, Sally Small, Administrative Assistant