

**MINUTES  
FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

**Monday, August 12, 2013**

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 3:00 pm on Monday, August 12, 2013 at the Franconia Town Hall. Regular members in attendance were Ted Hoyle, John Lachapelle, Bob Montagno, Suzy MacDonald and Sally Small

Guests of the Board- Peter Gignac & Joe Marshall

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

**SELECTMEN'S TIME:**

**BOS Minutes 7/29/2013:** Formal readings of the July 29, 2013 BOS meeting minutes were waived. The minutes of July 29, 2013 were approved.

**FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:**

**Transaction List for 8/15/13** - The Board reviewed and signed the transaction list for 8/15/13.

**PA – 28 Request** was reviewed and signed by the Select Board.

**Application for Reimbursement for Federal & State Forest Land** was reviewed and signed by the Select Board.

**Driveway Permit – Allene Burt – M31/L30 – Timber Lane** – The Board reviewed and signed a Driveway Permit for Allene Burt – M31/L30 – Timber Lane.

**Driveway Permit – Peter Grote – M25/L7- Wells Road** – The Board reviewed and signed a Driveway Permit for Peter Grote – M25/L7 – Wells Road.

**Driveway Permit – Water Dept – Alpen Hill Road** – The Board reviewed and signed a Driveway Permit for the Water Department – Alpen Hill Road.

**Building Permit – Allene Burt – M31/L30** – The Board reviewed and approved the building application for a new house for Allene Burt – Map 31/L30. .

**Building Permit – Tom Eyman – M24/L7 – Outbuilding** – The Board reviewed and approved the Building Permit for Tom Eyman – M24/L7 for an outbuilding on his property.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**3:00 – Peter Gignac** – Peter wanted to discuss with the Select Board the property across the street from his owned by Ken King – Four Seasons Home Maintenance. Several years ago the Zoning Board held a meeting pertaining to this property which Peter Gignac did not attend. Peter thinks this operation has grown bigger and things are now louder. Ken has been processing firewood. Peter has spoken with Ken directly and things have not scaled back or been quieter. There is also more equipment on the property that is not being stored in the garage. Peter would like to see him fit into the neighborhood better. This is a Residential “B” area. Ken does have an exception from the Zoning Board.

The Select Board will review the Zoning Regulations. The Select Board would like to meet with both Ken and Peter. Sally will try to schedule this for the 26<sup>th</sup> of August.

**3:30 –Joe Marshall – PSNH – & Ray from Asplundh Grote power -** .The Grote’s are building a new house on Wells Road and they need to get power to the location. PSNH is looking to add two new poles on Wells Road to service this house. A few trees will need to be cut and Ray has contacted the abutters. Eleanor Winslow is concerned with the visual aspect of the poles and the wires.

The power can’t come from the Franconia Inn side of Wells Road due to the distance to the property location and the flight path of the Airport. A circuit is already established on the Horse & Hound side of Wells Road. More trees would have to be cut if they came in from the Franconia Inn side of Wells Road.

Wells Road is a scenic road so PSNH is looking for approval from the Select Board to have a few trees cut and some trees trimmed within the right of way. The trees flagged with green ribbons are the trees to be cut.

Ted made a motion to approve the cutting of trees and adding two power poles to Wells Road, a scenic road with permission granted to PSNH to do the cutting and trimming of trees within the town’s right of way. A vote was taken and it was unanimous decision to allow this.

<b>TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:</b>
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**Septic Design – Rosenfeld** –A Septic Design for Rosenfeld was reviewed and will be sent to the State of NH for approval.

**Northern Grafton Democrats Request – Dow Field** – the Northern Grafton Democrats are requesting to use the Dow Field for an event. They would also like to be able to bring beer and wine. After brief discussion the Select Board agrees they can use the Dow Field and bring beverages.

**Dow Clock Cupola & Clock Faces** – Money still needs to be raised to fix the cupola and the clock faces. The Dow should be the one to place the ad and solicit bids. The Town can certainly help with this process. There is a valid bid that was done late last year that the town has. This job must be completed soon as winter is approaching. The Select Board feels we should wait to hear further from the Dow Condo Association about moving forward. At that point the Town will pay out the money raised at Town Meeting for roof repairs.

**Safety Services Building Update** was given by Bob Montagno. People have been contacted to serve on a committee. This committee will get started quickly. The first order of business will be to see what each department will need for space. At the first meeting the committee will discuss adding one more member.

**Department Credit Cards** – A credit card issued to each department was discussed. The Select Board is authorizing credit cards to be issued to each department (10) within the town. Each Department Head will be responsible for his/her departmental card. Cards are to be used for purchases where charge accounts are not already in place. The credit cards will be issued thru Woodsville Guaranty Bank.

**Provan and Lorber** has worked with Bob Montagno at establishing bid specifications for both of the flat roofs at the Town Building. This advertising will stay pretty local. Bid specifications for the steps at the town building will be established and will go out to a wider area.

**We entered into non public** session to discuss personnel/legal matters. Motion to go into non-public session by John Lachapelle, seconded by Ted Hoyle at 4:13pm under RSA 91-A:3 II (c). Vote was unanimous. Vote to seal minutes was also unanimous. We came out of non public session at 4:15 pm

**The Select Board would like** to start to discuss the 2<sup>nd</sup> Q budgets at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

**The agenda items should** include why people have requested an appointment.

**John would like to have** blank copies of performance appraisals available for the next meeting.

**Scott Leslie would** like to further discuss oiling Lafayette Road. He will discuss this with the Select Board on August 26, 2013.

<b>FOR YOUR INFORMATION:</b>
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Wessels' Thank You for Flowers

Selectman Hoyle adjourned the meeting at 4:18 pm

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne MacDonald, Executive Secretary