

**MINUTES
FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

Monday, August 17, 2015

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 3:00 pm on Monday, August 17, 2015 at the Franconia Town Hall. Regular members in attendance were Bob Montagno, Bernie Costa, Eric Meth, and Sally Small.

Guests of the Board – Dinny Richmond, Harriet Taylor and Stuart Weeks

Also attending – Karen Foss and Dawn Steele

SELECTMEN’S TIME:

BOS Minutes 08/10/2015: Formal readings of the August 10, 2015 BOS meeting minutes were waived. The minutes were approved with the following corrections:

Page 1. Scott Leslie – changing temporarily **whirl to while**.

Page 2. Cemetery Trustees – Kay **writes** the deed **for the selectmen to sign**.

Page 2. Cemetery Trustees – The Trustees would be interested in knowing **who**

Page 2. Performance Reviews – We will start goals **in 2016**.

FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:

Transaction List for 08/20/15 – Approved and signed by the Board

Building Permit – Kovacs M12/:11 (Addition/Deck) - The Board reviewed the application and signed the permit.

Building Permit Extension – DeLazuche Leasing Map 13/Lot 41 – The board reviewed the request for a two year extension on the permit that was signed in December 2103 and agreed to permit the extension.

Building Permit Extension – Stephenson Map 15/Lot 1- The board reviewed the permit for finishing the building that is located on the Easton Rd. After discussing the legality they agreed that since the State had given approval for construction of the septic and the building inspector had gone through the building and approved the work to be done and the extension, they would sign the permit.

ZBA Appointment – Bill Mellekas (Alternate) – The board reviewed and signed the appointment.

APPOINTMENTS:

2:00 – Road Trip to Highway Garage – Eric Meth and Bernie Costa along with Jim Fitzpatrick and Karen Foss from the Energy Commission met with Scott Leslie at the town garage to visit the site. They questioned Scott about the propane infrared heating system that was

recommended by the energy audit and had been installed the end of 2012. Scott's feeling was that it really didn't work well especially in the dead of winter when the garage doors are opened to bring the trucks in and out. The idea of ceiling fans was discussed but because of the garage doors there isn't room to install the fans. The doors are insulated but the bottoms are warped and that creates a heat loss. The other issue was that the garage isn't really big enough width and length wise for the trucks with plows. The grader and backhoe are not garaged and sit out in the winter. While at the garage Scott asked the selectmen to sign the contract for the Main Street sidewalk work. Bernie and Eric signed the contract from Central Paving.

3:00 – Harriet Taylor & Dinny Richmond – Donn Lathrop – Harriet & Dinny met with the board to discuss strategy for the upcoming court hearing that was brought on by Donn Lathrop. The board then worked up a summary of what they will present in front of the Judge on the 25th of August. Eric agreed to speak for the town.

3:30 – Stuart Weeks –Bretton Woods Convocation –The convocation will be held September 29th to October 6th and will start in Bretton Woods and move to the surrounding towns including Littleton, Franconia and Sugar Hill. It is the hope of the organizers that it will be a model for regional development. The convocation will conclude at the Mount Washington Hotel. The location was picked to mirror what happened in 1944 with the Bretton Woods Monetary Conference only this time they will have people not politicians come to the meeting to discuss a non debt based monetary system. The purpose of the convocation is to connect enterprising businesses in the North Country with enterprising businesses across country and internationally as well as come to an understanding of what the money means and how it flows.

TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:

Laura Spector-Morgan's Meeting on the 24th – Bernie made the motion to go into closed session per RSA 91-A: 3 and Bob seconded the motion. With the unanimous vote the board went into a closed session at 5:10 pm. The board voted to come out of the closed session at 5:15 pm and voted to seal the minutes.

ITEMS TO REVISIT

Generator for the School-Bernie asked if Sally had heard back from Chris whether or not the school wanted the generator. Sally said no but that she would email Chris to find out.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

There May Be a Closed Session at our next meeting.

Bernie made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Bob seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Small
Administrative Assistant