

**MINUTES  
FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

**Monday, August 26, 2013**

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 3:00 pm on Monday, August 26, 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- Scott Leslie, Jeff Phillips, Paul Schmucker, Greg Wells, John Monaghan, Peter Gignac and Ken King

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

**SELECTMEN'S TIME:**

**BOS Minutes 8/12/2013:** Formal readings of the August 12, 2013 BOS meeting minutes were waived. The minutes of August 12, 2013 were approved.

**FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:**

**Transaction List for 8/29/13** - The Board reviewed and signed the transaction list for 8/29/13.

**Excavation Permit – Grote M30/Lot 7** – The Board reviewed and signed the Excavation Permit for Grote Map 30/Lot 7.

**Cemetery Lot Deed – Peabody** – The Board reviewed and signed a Cemetery Lot Deed for Peabody.

**Building Permit – Water Department Pump Station at Mittersill** – The Board reviewed and signed a Building Permit for the Water Department Pump Station at Mittersill.

**Building Permit – Grote Map 30/Lot 7** – The Board reviewed and signed a Building Permit for Grote, Map 30/Lot 70 – New house construction.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**3:00 – Scott Leslie/Jeff Phillips – 2<sup>nd</sup> Q Highway, Town Buildings & Cemetery Budgets** – Scott Leslie and the Select Board reviewed the 2<sup>nd</sup> Q Budget for the Highway Department. The Block Grant funding was discussed and some possible usages were discussed. Scott has a truck that has just come out of the shop costing just over \$5300 to fix.

Work on Lafayette Drive will not be done this year due to a tight budget.

The fuel budget should be increased for next year. Scott discussed putting a tank in the back of his pickup and filling equipment from that tank.

Scott will need to buy some asphalt for a couple of the roads at Mittersill.

The Select Board can't lose sight of asking to be agents to expend from the Heavy Equipment Fund at Town Meeting.

Scott will also need to purchase tires for the 6 wheeler and the pickup truck.

Jeff and the Select Board discussed the Building & Grounds Budget and the Cemetery Budget. Each year some money is set aside for stone washing and is usually done in the fall. This also includes stone straightening. There is currently a leak in the Cemetery which Jeff has not been able to find. The water is shut off until further notice.

There must be some money in the budget for painting or general maintenance of the Town Building. This building needs to have some preventative maintenance done. The Town Hall is an important building to the Town and certainly has been neglected. It should be a focal point. This should be included in future budgets.

The mowing of the Frost Place was discussed. The Frost Place should be communicating with the Select Board as to items needed to be done outside of the building.

John would like to see a plan for ongoing maintenance of every town owned building. Jeff is available as a resource to each building.

**3:30 – Paul Schmucker – 2<sup>nd</sup> Q Life Squad Budget** – Paul and the Select Board quickly discussed the 2<sup>nd</sup> Q Life Squad Budget. Income is coming in well and is expected to be over the estimate.

**3:45 – Greg Wells – 2<sup>nd</sup> Q Transfer Station Budget** – Greg Wells and the Select Board discussed the 2<sup>nd</sup> Q Transfer Station Budget. The co-mingling of plastic is now up and running.

A new baler may have to be bought next year. Funds from the Transfer Station Special Revenue account may be used. This is for the baler that is currently not working.

The Transfer Station is currently ahead on the recycling income. Bag sales are down.

The Transfer Station has received the new Bobcat.

**4:00 – John Monaghan – 2<sup>nd</sup> Q Police Budget** – John Monaghan and the Select Board discussed the 2<sup>nd</sup> Q Police Department Budget. The replacement of vehicles was discussed.

The Safety Services Building Committee will meet on Thursday August 29, 2013 at 1:30pm.

**4:30 – Peter Gignac & Ken King – Commercial Use of Property** – Peter wanted to discuss with Ken the property that Ken owns which is directly across the street from the Franstead Campground. Peter spoke with Ken last year about the processing of firewood. Peter is seeing a general growth of the business.

Ken has taken measures to decrease the processing of wood on his property. This year Ken hired a company to process 35 cords of wood in one day. Ken does not feel that he is under any restrictions at his property and has not expended anything. Peter feels that Ken should not be processing firewood at this location. Ken is now looking for Peter to prove that he is in violation of zoning. Ken described his relationship with the neighbors. Peter would like to see Ken make an effort to hide equipment out of view. If the business is growing then the ZBA should take a look and clarify. The scope of the business has not changed.

The Select Board feels that the issue is with the Zoning and not with the Select Board. The Select Board would like to discuss the situation further. The Select Board will be in touch with both Peter and Ken. Peter feels that expectable results for solving the issue would be processing no firewood at all and

changes the appearance to fit better into the neighborhood. He would also like to see the noise associated with the processing of firewood stopped.

Ken would like to be clear that he is not processing firewood that is for retail sale. His firewood is just for his clients use.

Ken has a business to run. Ted sees no excessive use of property. Bob Montagno would like to look further at intended use of the property. The current zoning ordinance was reviewed.

On another note Ken presented a Driveway Permit for M28/Lot 172 at Mittersill. The Select Board would like for the Fire Chief and the Police Chief to look at the location before the Select Board will sign.

Ken will have a Building Permit to present on September 9, 2013. He would like to be placed on the agenda.

<b>TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:</b>
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**Septic Design – Dwyer M28/Lot 129** –A Septic Design for Dwyer was reviewed and will be sent to the State of NH for approval.

**Top of the Notch Cooperative past due/interest (talk to Marilyn)** – Sally is proposing an abatement of interest to the Top of the Notch Cooperative. Sally has been working with some people who are helping to get the Cooperative back on tract financially. Sally will work on getting the Cooperative on a payment plan to satisfy back due tax amounts. The Select Board would caution Sally to have a clear, tight payment plan.

**Safety Services Building Committee (Ltn Courier) – In response to a question from the Littleton Courier**, a meeting of the Safety Services Building Committee will be held on Thursday August 29, 2013 at 1:30pm at the Town Hall.

**Timber Lane Mowing** will be done by the Highway Department when Jeff is done using the tractor.

**There was discussion** on the Dow Clock and the payment that will be upcoming to the contractor hired to replace the roof. The Select Board would like to see the contractors Certificate of Insurance as well as a contract signed by the Dow Condo Association agreeing to the terms that were presented at the 2013 Town Meeting. This all must be in place prior to the check from the town being given to the contractor.

<b>FOR YOUR INFORMATION:</b>
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**State Driveway Permits for McKenzie**

**Library Grant from NH Division of Historical Resources**

Selectman Hoyle adjourned the meeting at 4:18 pm

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne MacDonald, Executive Secretary