

**MINUTES  
FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

**Monday, August 3, 2015**

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

Guests of the Board – Scott Leslie, Carol Wills, Charles Lovett, Dinny Richmond, Bill Mellekas, Harriet Taylor, Peter Ainsworth, Chris Harris.

Also attending – Mary Grote & Dawn Steele

<b>SELECTMEN’S TIME:</b>
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**BOS Minutes 07/20/15 & 07/2715:** Formal readings of the July 20 & 27, 2015 BOS meeting minutes were waived. The minutes were approved with the following corrections:

**July 20, 2015**

Page 2 - Meeting at the Public Safety Building - **Remove #2.**

Page 3 – **Change Elmwood to Willow Cemetery**

**July 27, 2015**

Page 3 – **Jeff Woodburn should be changed to Woodward**

<b>FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:</b>
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**Transaction List for 08/6/15** – Approved and signed by the Board

**Building Permit – Mullins (Map8/Lot 1-18) Dormers** – Approved and signed by the Board.

**Appointments for Proposed ZBA Members (Frank Clulow & Susan Retz)** – Approved and signed by the Board. Phil Krill was also re-appointed. They will be called to schedule a time to be sworn in by the Town Clerk

<b>APPOINTMENTS:</b>
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**3:00 – Scott Leslie** – The work on Kerr Road and Lafayette Drive was completed with excellent results. The crosswalks on Main Street and at the intersection have been painted but Scott hasn’t been able to find the stencils to print STOP AHEAD on the bridge roadway. He will investigate other alternatives. The board addressed the issue of Jimmy Cyr’s recuperation from the motorcycle accident. Since we are not sure how long he will be out of work we may want to hire a temporary driver/operator during his

recuperation. The pay for the temporary position will be \$15/hour with no benefits. Scott knows people that may be interested for covering for Jimmy until his return.

**3:15 – Carol Wills – Budgets & Tax Liens** – Carol met with the board to update them on the how much money had been collected to date from the outstanding tax liens and questions were asked in regards to the process of placing liens on properties with past due taxes. Eric met with Carol last week to discuss the tax deeding process but because we were running late it was agreed to have Carol come back in on Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> to continue the discussion and move forward with the process of deeding property for back taxes.

**3:30 – Mike Halsey – Firewall & Town Internet** – Chris Harris met with the board in place of Mike Halsey. In order for the town clerk to be on line with the state for Motor Vehicle Registrations we need this firewall. After the end of September the State will not let her go on line to do transactions without it. The board agreed to the unanticipated expense. The board also discussed the issue of using Google app's instead of Microsoft Office which would result in some of the departments changing to gmail for their emailing. Chris will talk with Paul Schmucker and Rick Gaudette concerning this and will get back to the Selectmen.

**4:00 – Dinny Richmond – Library Building** – The Library Trustees met with the Board to discuss the drainage issue at the Library and the needs to have it repaired because of the leak in the basement. The Trustees had an architect look at the property as a favor and recommend the site be evaluated to see where the lowest point of the land is. We need to take the pressure off the walls and then parge the walls and put a drain to daylight on the sides of the building. The Board agreed to have Norman Larson give us an estimate for specifications, the work to be done and the overseeing of the project.

**TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:**

**Building Inspector Compensation for Plain Kate's** – Moving forward we have to change our permitting fees structure to cover paying the Building Inspector for the work on major commercial projects like Plain Kate's.

**Evergreen** – Closed Session

**ITEMS TO REVISIT**

- Overtime Policy for HW/BG - 03/30/2015 **(To discuss in the Fall with the Road Agent)**
- Mittersill Roads Winter Policy – 04/06/15 **(To discuss in the Fall with the Road Agent)**
- Road Safety Report - 03/30/2015, 4/13/15
- Safe Routes to School - 03/30/2015, 4/13/15, 5/4/15, 05/11/15, 6/1/15, 6/8/15, 6/15/15, 6/22/15,6/29/15
- Dow Clock – 04/06/15, 4/13/15, 5/4/15, 6/1/15, 6/8/15, 6/15/15, 6/22/15, 6/29/15, 8/3/15
- Technology Committee – 04/06/15, 4/13/15, 5/4/15, 6/1/15, 6/8/15, 6/29/15
- Zoning Ordinance Vote - 04/13/15, 5/4/15, 6/1/15
- Harvard Street House - 4/13/15, 4/27/15, 5/4/15, 5/11/15, 5/18/15, 6/1/15, 6/8/15, 6/22/15, 6/29/15
- Honor Roll Sign at Town Hall - 4/13/15, 5/4/15, 6/1/15, 6/8/15
- Evergreen Apts - 4/13/15, 4/27/15, 5/4/15, 5/11/15, 6/1/15, 6/8/15, 6/22/15, 6/29/15, 7/6/15, 8/3/15
- Follow up on Sidewalks/Business area - 4/27/2015, 5/11/15, 6/1/15, 6/8/15, 6/22/15
- Telephone/Internet at PSB - 4/27/2015
- Fire Ponds & Cisterns - 5/4/2015, 6/1/15, 7/6/15

Hiring of Relatives 5/11/15, 6/1/15  
Fire Dept Generator to School 5/11/15, 6/1/15/ 6/8/15, 6/22/15, 6/29/15, 7/6/15  
Delinquent Taxes 5/18/15, 6/1/15, 6/8/15  
Performance Reviews 5/18/15, 6/1/15  
Vehicle Issue 6/8/15  
Kim's insurance 6/8/15, 6/15/15, 6/22/15  
Members of Trustees of the Trust Fund 7/6/15  
Cemetery Trustees 7/6/15, 7/13/15

We came out of Closed Session at 5:25 pm. Bernie made a motion close the meeting to seal the minutes of the closed session, Bob seconded and all voted in favor.

Bob made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Bernie seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbie Bartlett  
Executive Secretary