

**FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, December 14, 2016**

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 3:05 pm on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at the Franconia Town Hall. Regular members in attendance were Bernie Costa, Eric Meth, John Lachapelle, Sally Small and Herbie Bartlett.

**Guests of the Board:** Paul Schmucker, Carol Wills, John Monaghan

**Other Guests:** Russ & Lydia Cumbee, Claudia Lachapelle, Dawn Steele, Mary Grote, Peter Grote, Claudia Lachapelle, Brian Williams.

**BOS Minutes for 12/12/2016:** Were not reviewed.

<b>FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:</b>
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**BOS Minutes 12/12/15** -was not approved.  
**Transaction List** - None.

<b>APPOINTMENTS:</b>
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**4:00 - Carol Wills - Quarterly Budgets (Elec/Registration/Vital Stats & Financial) - Budgets were discussed.**

**4:30 - Paul Schmucker - Life Squad - Quarterly Budget** was discussed. Equipment that powers the ambulance suspension is exposed to the elements and the valves that go into air tanks the lines were corroded but all has been repaired. They do a lot of the work on the truck themselves. Eric asked about tire chains and Paul said the ambulance runs snow tires all year round and 90% of the time they can get where they need to go. If they cannot they call the highway department to sand.

**Radios** - Currently the squad uses analog radios but if they have to go digital the radios can be upgraded. If we had digital they could talk directly to the Police.

Bernie stated that the Life Squad does great work and they are appreciated.

The Select Board entered into non public session according to NH RSA 91- A3, II (e) & (c) at 3:51pm. The Select Board returned to public session at 4:15 pm.

<b>FOR DISCUSSION:</b>
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**Fiscal Year 2016 Auditor - Letter** - Eric made a motion to use Plodzick and Sanderson as our town auditor, John seconded it with all three selectmen voting in favor.

Bernie thanked the audit committee for the time and effort that they put them in.

The Board discussed the report from Batchelder. John liked the size of the staff at Plodzick & Sanderson, along with the knowledge, skill, they can rotate managers within their firm, have extensive experience with small town and their fees were reasonable.

**GIFT CARDS** - John wanted to know where the money is coming from for the gift cards for the employees. Sally said the gift cards were in her budget as they have been for many years. John thinks that gift cards should be a separate line item and it needs to be open and upfront. It has been done for a long time. The fact that it has been done for a long time does not hold water for John. Sally will change it to Christmas Gifts for the Employees.

**Background check for the town administrator** - Holly will have to sign for the background check. Holly will be here on Friday. There are some fees involved.

<b>COMMITTEE REPORTS:</b>
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**Conservation Commission (FCC)** - No report.

**CIP Committee (CIP)** - No report.

**Energy Commission (FEC)** - No report

**Northern Pass** - No report.

**Planning Board** - No report.

**Wages & Benefits** - No report.

**Audit Committee** - No report.

**Bernie made a motion to go into closed session at 3:51 pm, John seconded it with all voting in favor.**

**Items to Revisit** - See List

<b>PUBLIC INPUT</b>
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**No Public Input**

The Board adjourned at 5:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbie Bartlett  
Executive Secretary