

FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

Monday, December 21, 2015

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 3:00 pm on Monday, December 21, 2015 at the Franconia Town Hall. Regular members in attendance were Bob Montagno, Eric Meth, Bernie Costa, Sally Small and Herbie Bartlett.

Also attending – John Monaghan, Scott Leslie, Jeff Phillips, Greg Wells, Mary Grote

SELECTMEN'S TIME:

BOS Minutes 12/21/15: Formal readings of the December 14, 2015 BOS meeting minutes were waived. The minutes for December 14, 2015 were approved with the following corrections:

Page 3 – Retirement non police – Our budget **hearing** is the 8th of **February**.

The employees are paying 30%. Increase is pending 1.5 increase and 1.5 % for the town. An employee with a family plan would change. Ask Sally.

Remove **the Cadillac plan**.

Last sentence...**It is agreed to go from 17 to 20 for non-retirement.**

Scragg Mountain Road – take the sign down and put the sign up past where the road was updated.

Page 4 – add **we never adopted that section of road.**

The Select Board should... **We will schedule individual meetings with the department heads.**

Eric made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, Bernie seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

APPOINTMENTS:

3:00 – Dept Head Meeting – Proposed budgets and performance evaluations were submitted for review by the Board.

3:30 – Dinny Richmond – Library Budget – Dinny showed us a picture of the original pillars of light in front of the Library. Cybil said to run a conduit out to the street in case we ever wanted to put the pillars back. Dinny will talk to a mason. They want to set them back from edge of sidewalks about 3.5 feet. Dinny will do a fundraiser and put a plaque on it in memory of Cybil. We can make a special collection of books and have them be in memory of Cybil. North East Masonry had done the façade of the library. Lights will be on a timer with the front door lights.

We are going to put the architect off until the Spring of 2016.

FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:

Transaction List 12/24/15 – Sign and approved by the Board
Building Permit - T-Mobile – approved by the board.

TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:

Bickford Hill Bridge (John Ireland's Email) – Pave from where state paving ends and do an apron off from the bridge.

Walking Bridge by Hillwinds – The hand rails need some pressure treated lumber to fix this.

Street Lamp Project – Energy Commission – They want to reduce the number of street lamps. There are 142 lamps in Franconia. The project is to shut down half of the lights and then re-lamp with LED lighting. Do they need authorization from the Select Board? Dave Strange will have J. A. Corey do an assessment to re-lamp a street lamp. Sally has the maps showing the lights. We may want to talk to the Chief in regards to safety issues. Eversource may not come in and re-lamp. The Select Board has given permission for the Energy Commission to look into this.

Letter from Karen Foss re: Conservation Commission's Land Purchase -

Mutual Aid – We will pay the \$25 membership dues to NH Public Works for 2016. Agreement has to be signed by Bob and Scott as emergency contacts.

Northern Pass Committee - Sally can contact Christine Filmore that we want to sign on with Easton & Sugar Hill. Make sure it doesn't limit us in case we want to expand to other towns. Legal options are we locked into the Bernie Waugh?

Jim Cyr – He will be out for a long time.

North Country Council – They do a lot to save money.

Delinquent Taxes – Sally will scan and fax to Members.

Visit – Tamara will be coming on 1/6/16 prior to coming back in the Spring for the Audit.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

There may be a possibility of a closed session meeting.

Bernie made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Bob seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbie Bartlett
Executive Secretary