

## FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

Monday, December 28, 2015

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 3:00 pm on Monday, December 28, 2015 at the Franconia Town Hall. Regular members in attendance were Bob Montagno, Eric Meth, Bernie Costa, Sally Small and Herbie Bartlett.

Also attending – Jim Fitzpatrick, Russ Cumbee, Peter Grote, John Monaghan, Mary Grote, Sandy Laleme.

### SELECTMEN'S TIME:

**BOS Minutes 12/28/15:** Formal readings of the December 21, 2015 BOS meeting minutes were waived. The minutes for December 21, 2015 were approved with the following corrections:

Page 1 – Under Dinny Richmond – Cybil should be Sybil.

Page 2 – Hillwinds – Walking Section of the Bridge.

Page 2 – Bickford Hill Bridge – John's Ireland request to have it paged. Scott wants to pave the approach to the bridge and then the other side of the bridge. Scott said it would cost a lot.

Page 2 – Letter from Karen Foss in regards to the conservation funds can only be used for conservation lands only.

North Country council do a lot to save money. Strike.

Visit – Tamara from Roberts and Green auditors.

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

### APPOINTMENTS:

**3:05 – Kim Cowles** – The Conservation Commission want to apply for a grant for a workshop that will happen next year at the Citizen's Institute for Rural Design. No cash will be needed from the town. The Chamber of Commerce is on board with this. Business owners need to be on board. A lot of work and no money was spent on the previous design master plan and wildlife charette, and nothing every really happened afterwards.

**3:15 – Russ Cumbee – Charitable contributions** – this should be petitioned annually. It should be listed and voted on under town warrant. Organizations do submit their reports we do not publish them. Around 15 agencies ask for charity. Put under separate cover. It can be scanned and put on the town website. We should give the town a chance to review and then vote on them. We do not want this in a line item budget.

**3:25 – John Monaghan** – The Crown Vic's motor blew. This CIP item was originally schedule to be replaced for 2016. Trade in value will be \$3-4000. CIP does have money set aside. John is looking at a Dodge Charger AWD. No garage will put a used motor in a police vehicle because of liability issues.

**Bernie made a motion to order a new police vehicle, Eric seconded the motion with all voting in favor.**

**4:00 - Jim Fitzpatrick** – His visit is a courtesy visit for the Ammonoosuc Regional Energy Committee. They want to encourage home owners to adopt solar technology. If a bunch of people do this everyone gets a discount. Jim invited everyone to come to Polly's on the January 24<sup>th</sup> for information. There is a set price for a general system and the price goes down because it is a tiered system. He wants to raise awareness of the whole idea. They will give free consultations. They have their own Facebook page. Please check it out.

**FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:**

**Transaction List 12/31/15**– Sign and approved by the Board  
**Building Permit - Michael Cook — Map 6, Lot 7 – roof structure for flat roof.**  
**Building Permit - Jeff Elliott, Sr. — Coventry Log Cabin – Map 16, Lot 37-5**

**TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:**

**Closed Session**

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

**There may be a possibility of a closed session meeting.**

Bob made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Eric seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbie Bartlett  
Executive Secretary