

**MINUTES
FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

Monday, December 9, 2013

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 3:00 pm on Monday, December 9, 2013 at the Franconia Town Hall. Regular members in attendance were Ted Hoyle, John Lachapelle, Bob Montagno, Sally Small and Suzy MacDonald

Guests of the Board – Scott Leslie, Jeff Phillips & Jim Walker

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

SELECTMEN'S TIME:

BOS Minutes 12/02/2013: Formal readings of the December 2, 2013 BOS meeting minutes were waived. The minutes of December 2, 2013 were approved after a correction.

FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:

Transaction List for 12/12/13 - The Board reviewed and signed the transaction list for 12/12/13.

APPOINTMENTS:

3:00 Scott Leslie/Jeff Phillips – 4th Q Budget – Highway/Town Buildings/Cemetery – Scott discussed the 4th Q Highway Budget. The details of the Highway Block Grant were discussed which included the expenses as well as the income. Scott will be getting another load of salt before the end of the year. This was the first year using the chloride on the roads and it appears it went well and was well received by the residents. The new septic system came out of the building maintenance. It appears that Scott is within budget to finish out the 2013 year.

“Sam’s” place at the Transfer Station has a potential purchaser. The Select Board is asking for Scott Leslie to find a replacement value for the building. Currently the building houses tires. The Select Board would like to maintain the same storage space.

An email from Jack Cook regarding energy upgrades was discussed. Scott Leslie will looking further into this.

The 4th Q Budgets for Building and Grounds and for the Cemetery were discussed between Jeff and the Select Board.

A \$9,000.00 check has been received from the NH Charitable Foundation as a donation to the Dow Clock in the name of Melinda Richmond.

We have not been paying a clock winder as the clock is not in working order. The light bill is also less as most of the lights have been shut off for now.

The Select Board discussed with Scott Leslie the sanding or salting at Cole Hill. Lakes Region Water (LRW) will look into this situation. If the salting of the road does leach into the watery system then this needs to stop. Scott thinks this road has always been salted.

The health insurance increase as of 1/1/2014 to the employee will be reflected in the first payroll in 2014. The total health insurance increase in 2014 is 7.9%. Sally will work on getting the Department Heads a breakdown of the amount employees will be paying.

Jeff's assistant went over wages in both categories. Bottom line wages are ok.

No stone washing took place at the Cemetery. Jeff would like to take the spreader for the tractor out of the category. The spreader can be used at the cemetery.

3:45 Jim Walker – Building Permit for a Garage – The Select Board reviewed a Building Permit for a Garage at Jim Walker's property on Main Street. The Select Board approved the permit with the condition that all State of NH permits are obtained as required. No building is to take place until the permits have been received.

TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:

Septic Permit – Elliott – Map 16/Lot 37-5 Coventry Ridge Road – A Septic Permit was reviewed for Elliott, Map 16/Lot 37-5 Coventry Ridge Road. The Select Board agrees to send this permit to the State of NH for their review.

Adoption of 2013 Local Emergency Management Plan- The 2013 Local Emergency Management Plan was signed by John Lachapelle and Bob Montagno after their review. Sally will give Mark Taylor the signature page for him to obtain further signatures that are needed.

Dr Charles Wolcott has agreed to be our Health Officer. Sally will prepare an appointment for the Select Board to sign.

The Select Board is looking for a Trustee of the Trust Funds that has investment experience.

The Select Board would like to see more department budgets next week.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

John handed out a paper he prepared after reading the tax rates of surrounding towns.

Selectman Hoyle adjourned the meeting at 4:03pm

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne MacDonald, Executive Secretary