

**MINUTES
FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

Monday, February 16, 2015

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 3:00 pm on Monday February 16, 2015 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 - Shane McElhiney

John Lachapelle called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

SELECTMEN'S TIME:

BOS Minutes 02/09/2015: Formal readings of the February 9, 2015 BOS meeting minutes were waived. The minutes of February 9, 2015 were approved.

FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:

Transaction List for 02/19/2015- The Board reviewed and signed the transaction list for 02/19/2015.

Safety Services Building Project Transaction List- The Board reviewed and signed the transaction list for 02/19/2015.

Appointment - Keith Batchelder - Planning Board - The Board reviewed and signed the appointment of Keith Batchelder to the Planning Board.

Warrant & MS 636 Budget - The Board reviewed and signed the Warrant & the MS 636 Budget to be posted and sent to the State of NH.

APPOINTMENTS:

3:40 - Shane McElhiney - WHM Civics Class - Shane is in the process of planning a field course for his students from The White Mountain School. Government Civics Field Course that has local, state and federal studies. The first day will be used to meet with the Select Board/Office Admin. Would like to bring some students in to chat and see the process. Monday the 2nd of March would work to get some students here at the Select Board meeting. The Select Board will chat informally with the group at 2pm on March 2nd. The group will also talk with Sally at 11am.

Leading up to this, Shane would like a little background. Small town population has not changed much. Burden on tax payer goes up and up year after year. Fiscal points over ride so much in town government. Sharing resources is an option also. Why can't towns share resources? At some point we may be forced into this. Our Recreation program is a Tri Town Program. Transfer Station is also a Tri Town. Both are examples of good working systems.

What would you want them to know about town politics? Never thought where tax payer dollars went as a kid. 2/3rds of tax payers are second homeowners. 2/3rds of the land mass is in the White MT National Forest.

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3:00 - Jamie Bodell - Kerr Road House - 18 Kerr Road has been in his family since 1958. House is old, needs work. Can what is there be renovated? He is looking for a possible variance to do some work at this property . Property has been surveyed. Septic is on hold right now. He is looking at possibly a demo of current structure, and put up a smaller one. Building is currently 2117 square feet, that is what he is taxed on. The building is looking to put up would be approximately 1200 square feet. He is looking to put up a 2 1/2 stories kit home with 4 bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths. Current siding is asbestos and inside is asbestos which would need to be abated. Very small lot size. The septic designer thinks she can get something state approved. He is in a flood zone so Allan thinks he can't build new there. Allan showed on the map where he may be able to build. This property maybe in the shore land protection area.

Allan told Jamie to start with the septic. Allan talked about the flood zone. If 4th order then you are into the shore land protection area. If you tear it down you won't get away rebuilding it. State may be able to work with existing building. Allan explained the process and the permitting processing. What will the State let him do?

Jamie should read the zoning ordinance from the Town of Franconia. There are some variances. Can't be contrary to the national flood ordinances. Allan recommends Jamie make an appointment with DES in Concord NH, and bring septic design person with him to start discussions of what can be done. It also must be determined if the Brook is 4th order or higher.

TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:

Scott Leslie has not signed off on Jeff Phillip's time sheet. The time sheet needs to be signed by Scott.

John would like to see the overtime numbers from 1/1- 3/1 for highway and building and grounds.

John has noticed something with the Annual Report regarding the Life Squad. The figures that are mentioned in the report do not include money that goes into the CIP, therefore he feels it's an inaccurate representation of the income figures. All figures that go into the Annual Report should be accurate and not misleading.

Is anyone working on the schedule for ballot clerks. Sally has spoken with Lydia about it. John gave Sally last year's list to get in touch with people. Marie will be sitting with Bill Mead the Moderator from 1-7pm during Town Meeting. Bernie Costa will take minutes starting at the 7pm meeting.

Select Board reviewed the letters from all agencies asking for money from the town on the Warrant. How do you get from an article to "the List"? Sally mentioned that historically we have put the agency's we have given to for years in the line item budget. John has taken a close look at this.

Sally gave copies of the actual budget. How did we end up with a Department Head giving himself a raise? Didn't meet with each department heads to review each final budget. Have Scott and Jeff come to the meeting next week.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

George Whitcomb - Re-appointment Forest Fire Warden? - by St of NH
Ammonoosuc Community Health - Financial Report -
Wetlands Application - Echo Lake Dam Improvements - Cannon Mt.

Selectman Lachapelle adjourned the public meeting a 4:40t pm.

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne MacDonald, Executive Secretary

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