

**MINUTES
FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

Monday, February 2, 2015

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 3:00 pm on Monday February 2, 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 - CIP Members - (Bernie Costa and Karl Schaffer) and John & Christina Gargano

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

SELECTMEN'S TIME:

BOS Minutes 01/26/2015: Formal readings of the January 26, 2015 BOS meeting minutes were waived. The minutes of January 26, 2015 were approved.

FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:

Transaction List for 01/29/2015- The Board reviewed and signed the transaction list for 01/29/2015.

Safety Services Building Project Transaction List- The Board reviewed and signed the transaction list for 01/29/2015.

Request for Advance #6 (Final) - The Board reviewed and signed the Request for Advance #6 which will be the final request.

Abatement of Taxes - Rosenfeld - Map 4/Lot 10 - The Board reviewed and signed an Abatement of Taxes for Rosenfeld - Map 4/Lot 10.

Certification to Protect Information from Health Trust was reviewed and signed by the Select Board.

APPOINTMENTS:

3:05 –Scott Leslie & Jeff Phillips - - The Select Board entered into non public session according to NH RSA 91- 3:2A at 3:05. The Select Board returned to public sessions at 3:20 pm.

3:20 –CIP - Bernie Costa, Karl Schaffer - Bob Montagno reviewed the CIP plan with the other two Select Board members. The bulk of the initial increase is the result of increases in cost for vehicles such as Life Squad, Fire and Highway Department. The Department Heads were able to get some of those costs down. It is the plan of the CIP to reduce the money spent on roads by \$20,000 and make up the difference using a portion of the Highway Block Grant. The CIP is also proposing eliminating the Safety Services Building Fund. If this can be done it would allow a transfer of money from the SSB fund into the Bridge Maintenance Fund and the Town Buildings Maintenance Fund. By closing that fund it would also allow the CIP to get the amount of the plan down to \$341,600.

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The CIP is not wanting to show trade values on vehicles and equipment as this figure is constantly changing. There was some discussion on selling the vehicles outright.

Sally has the figure for the Safety Services Building loan payment \$110,711.52 per year - made in January and July. The CIP draft will need to take this into account. After some discussion it was decided to change wording to show loan cost not bond costs. Mogens Jessen has the correct figure.

The CIP has been reviewed with the Planning Board by the CIP Committee. Discussed how the Planning Board would like to see the CIP paperwork look. Add a sentence at the bottom of to sheet to make it clearer. Sally/Bernie will work on changing the paper that will be presented to the townspeople. Sally can probably make the necessary changes.

Bernie came away from the Planning Board meeting with the thought that maybe we should be buying bigger trucks. They are designed to be heavy duty and last longer. The Select Board pointed out that bigger trucks can't get into the spaces they need to in this area. Scott is buying better trucks so the cost is going up for each truck.

There seems to be more and more items on the CIP. The CIP is taking things out of the shadows.

Each department should be accumulating data on how the vehicle and equipment breakdowns effect things. Accurate maintenance records should be kept.

A motion was made by Ted Hoyle to accept the CIP plan as presented with the only change being the cost of the loan repayment for the Public Safety Services Building. Seconded by John Lachapelle. Select Board voted and all were in favor.

3:30 - John & Christina Gargano - The Select Board entered into non public session according to NH RSA 91- 3:2A at 3:35pm. The Select Boards returned to public sessions at 4:15 pm.

TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:

Town Report Dedication - The draft will become the final copy. A color photo of the Public Safety Building will be on the back of the report.

Reviewed a draft copy of the Warrant - Discussed which article 20 to use. The Select Board would like to use the first article 20 as written. Sally will discard the second one. Discussed Article 10 and how to present it to the voters. Would have to increase CIP amounts if we don't do this. We would be adding to the Bridge Fund and to the Town Buildings Fund.

Reviewed a draft copy of the ballot. Need to schedule a meet the candidates night.

Budget Hearing will be a week from tonight. The Select Board will review the Warrant Articles and Budget in full to prepare for the Budget Hearing at 7pm at the 3pm Select Board meeting on Monday February 9, 2015.

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Reviewed the AS PROPOSED money warrant articles & sources on funding FY 2015.

Have all department heads gone thru the budgets? and are they sure the figures are correct? Have the department heads looked at the warrant articles also to be sure they are correct.

The Childrens Center is asking some other local towns for \$2000 this year to help support them. The Select Board still needs to discuss this matter. The Select Board does not have to recommend every article that is put on the Warrant. With this particular article the Select Board does not have to recommend or not recommend this. John Lachapelle sees three options to this situation; submit the article with no comments from Select Board, not act on the letter, or just not be in favor of the full amount \$2000 right out of the gate and possibly decrease the amount. The Select Board could agree to write an article with a less dollar amount and then support the article. After some discussion it was decided to leave it as written and place on the Warrant. Sally will ask someone from the Children's Center to come to the Town Meeting and speak about it. The Select Board will neither recommend nor not recommend this article on the Warrant.

The Select Board would like to remind all the Department Heads to be at the Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting. Have all the Department Heads review and discuss the warrant articles and the budgets with Sally. Scott must be able to speak to article 19 - Meadow Crest Drive.

Draft copy of the Planning Board changes is available on the website. A copy will also be available the night of Town Meeting. There have been 2 public hearings regarding the changes to the Planning Board changes this. It's on the ballot tad will be voted on at Town Meeting Day.

Eventually the Select Board wants to make the tax collector's position appointed. The article to appoint for this position will be on next year's warrant.

At next week's Select Board meeting at three pm they would like to devote the entire meeting to reviewing the budget and Warrant Articles prior to the Budget Hearing.

Bernie Costa has agreed to do the minutes at the Town Meeting from 7pm on. The Select Board will ask Bill Mead what needs to be done from 1pm to 7pm as they will take turns rotating thru. Can the SB sit in with him during the day?

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Letter to Holden Engineering & Surveying Inc

Check to Osgood Inc.

Notice of Hearing - Littleton - Reed/Personal Wireless Communication Facility

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Selectman Lachapelle adjourned the public meeting at 4:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne MacDonald, Executive Secretary

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