

**MINUTES  
FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

**Monday, February 25, 2013**

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 3:00 pm on Monday, February 25, 2013 at the Franconia Town Hall. Regular members in attendance were John Lachapelle, Ted Hoyle, Rollie Barnaby, Sally Small and Suzy MacDonald.

Guests of the Board- Carl- Rural Water Mapping, Chief Gaudette, Chief Monaghan, Kim Cowles

Also – Bob Montagno

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

<b>SELECTMEN'S TIME:</b>
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**BOS Minutes 2/19/2013:** Formal readings of the February 19, 2013 BOS meeting minutes were waived. The minutes of February 19, 2013 were approved.

<b>FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:</b>
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**Transaction List for 2/28/13** - The Board reviewed and signed the checks and transaction list for 2/28/13.

**Appointment for Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District** - Was signed by the Select Board appointing Greg Wells and Jane Higgins to the Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District.

<b>APPOINTMENTS:</b>
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**3:00 – Rural Water Mapping – Chief Gaudette, Chief Monaghan and Carl from Resource Conservation & Development** – Carl provided handouts that were reviewed pertaining to mapping of Franconia's Rural Fire Water Resource Plan. His program is sponsored by FEMA and this program will be part of the Mitigation program that has been started by June Garneau, Mapping and Planning Solutions.

The Town is being asked to look over this plan and if they find no changes it will become part of our Mitigation Plan. Sally will give Carl a copy of our current subdivision regulations. Discussed were the mitigation recommendations in their order of importance. Some of these are easy fixes, some need to be updated, and some are much more costly. There is no timeline to completing this project.

Easements should be obtained for using private property as water sources even if a verbal agreement is already in place. A sample easement is provided in the booklet that was handed out. We are lucky to have a river parallel Main Street as a source of water to help fight a fire with.

The Select Board will look for Rick to prioritize for the next steps. Approximate cost to install a hydrant is \$5000. Rick feels we should start to gather written easements. There is currently no grant money available for this type of project. The only money found to be available is for essential buildings and for installing cisterns.

Carl would like to know within two weeks if any changes need to be made to the program.

**3:30 – Kim Cowles – Safe Routes to School** – Kim has prepared a spreadsheet pertaining to construction costs. Kim feels that some costs can be cut and the Select Board agrees. A portion of the sidewalk can be eliminated and the flagging could be done with town employees. The radar signs are a must and the Police Chief is looking into grants for funding to further cut costs. The NH DOT has seen both EOPCC. The Select Board would still like to meet with NH DOT employee William Rose.

John is uncomfortable with the dollar amounts of the changes and not being able to speak with NH DOT regarding this. He does not want the town to take a hit for any overages that may result in this project. The grant money appears to covers the costs.

After some discussion the Select Board are in agreement for Kim to send this final paperwork to Holden Engineering with specific changes to the original plan. It is our understanding that Holden will do all of the bid work. The Select Board hopes to have a role in final selection.

Kim discussed the web site and further information she could add to it. Suzy will send her CIP information and also the Road Improvement plan. Also the CIP minutes will be forwarded to Kim.

<b>TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:</b>
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**Damaged mailboxes on Wells Road** has still not been repaired. Sally will mention to the Highway Department to take care of this.

**State Maintained Street Lights**

**Sam's Place & NH Register of Historic Places** – Sally has contacted Mary Kate Ryan with the State of NH and obtained further information. The Select Board has signed the paper asking that Sam's Place be added to the NH Register of Historic Places.

**John would like to set up** a meeting with CALEX to discuss new procedures.

**John asked if** there were any further developments on Roianov. There have not been any.

**The flat roof on** the Town Clerk side of the Town Building is in need of replacement. The DPW Director, Scott Leslie, is asked to start the bidding process so that a contractor can be in place early spring.

**The Select Board** would like to have all necessary paperwork that will be needed for Town Meeting available to them on Monday, March 4, 2013.

<b>FOR YOUR INFORMATION:</b>
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**Fairpoint v. Municipalities Update** has been given by the Attorney.

**33 Harvard Street home inspection by our Building Inspector** shows that the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor wiring must be redone.

**PSNH information breakfast** will be given to Jack Cook.

**LGC Reorganization**

**Safety Inspection Report** should be available from the NH DOL in a few weeks. The Select Board would like to see that the compactor situation at the Transfer Station is taken care of. Also the Select Board is also aware that two eye wash stations are still needed.

Selectman Lachapelle adjourned the meeting at 4:36pm

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne MacDonald, Executive Secretary