

**FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 6, 2017**

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was called to order at 3:00 pm on Monday, February, 2017 at the Franconia Town Hall. Regular members in attendance were Bernie Costa, John Lachapelle, Eric Meth, and Herbie Bartlett.

Guests of the Board:

Other Guests: Russ Cumbee, Peter Grote, Karen Foss, Mary Grote, Ginny Jeffreys

APPOINTMENTS:

No appointments

FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:

BOS Minutes 1/30/17 - Reviewed and approved by Board with amendments.
Transaction List - 02/09/2017 - Approved and signed by the Board. John has questions about the \$5K Check #11388. He would like clarification on this. John had questions about the VISA card payment. Herbie will give this information to Holly Burbank.

FOR DISCUSSION:

Town Administrator Update- We will have a meet and greet on Thursday, February 9, 2017 here at the Town Hall from 4:00 - 6:00 pm.

Delage Farm Road Bridge - Once we give the bridge over there is a 5 year liability back to the town. Have Holly look into the details on this with Scott. We can handle this after the budget hearing. Holly can go out with Scott and view the issues.

Ammonousuc Conservation Trust - wants to know if there is solid or hazardous waste on the former Lawrence property or on nearby land. John stated that you would think they would have done this before they purchased the property. The Board recommends that Holly give this to the Conservation Commission and have the Trust give us a recommendation in regards to this.

Connors/Neeson Current Use - The Board recommends that the owners make an appointment for next BOS meeting to come in and explain this. The Board should talk to Holly first to see what she knows on this subject. Herbie stated that Gardner Kellogg had come in to the Planning Board with a LLA for these properties. However, the information that was provided was not totally correct and it was advertised and abutter notifications have been sent out. This will have to be done again. To notice

within the recommended time frame this will not be able to heard by the Planning Board until the March Planning Board meeting. Herbie will contact Gardner Kellogg in regards to the LLA.

Review Proposed Budgets & Warrant Articles - were discussed.

Planning Board Budget will have to be revisited

Kim's health insurance

Holiday Pay - Officers

Fire Department - Inspections doubled - \$13500/ Ladder Truck

Workers Comp rates? Big jump???

FFD up \$24K...need to ask questions.

Forest Fire under FFD - reimbursement from the State for equipment if we don't combine.

Warrant Articles - were discussed. There are 31 Articles this year.

Bernie stated that she wanted clarification on the budgets and the Board should decide which articles we support. The Board wants to review Solar Energy financial impact for full exemption of the cost of their installation and who has applied in the past. The Board also wants to review the new Veterans Credit. The Board will review the past history.

Northern Pass - Eric Meth attending the technical session in Concord on January 31st. He answered questions in regards to our town.

Schedule - Tuesday, February 7th is the last day to petition the Board in regards to any warrant articles. Thursday, February 9th there will be a Meet & Greet for Holly Burbank. On Monday, February 13th is the budget hearing here at the Town Hall at 7pm. On Thursday, February 16th will be the next budget hearing if it is needed.

When are we going to get the budgets to the public? Holly should have the budgets ready by Wednesday and available the next day.

ITEMS TO REVISIT

Items were tabled -

Cisterns and Fire Ponds 03/28/16 -

Tri-Town Recreation Agreement -

FD Generator in Trailer -

Updating Pole License Agreement

F150 vs F550 (Highway)

Purchasing & Bidding Policies

PUBLIC INPUT

Mary Grote - Would like to have a Meet the Candidates Night. Peter Grote will organize this. We will have it at 6pm on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at Town Hall.

Bernie made a motion to go into closed session at 4:20 pm, Eric seconded the motion with all voting in favor.

The Select Board entered into non public session according to NH RSA 91- A3, II (a)(c) at 4:20 pm. The Board came out of non public session at 5:40 pm.

Bernie made a motion to go into a closed session at 5:45pm, Eric seconded the motion with all voting in favor.

The Select Board entered into non public session according to NH RSA 91- A3, II (a)(c) at 5:45 pm. The Board came out of non public session at 6:15 pm.

The Board adjourned the non-public session at 6:15 pm, and with no further discussion, adjourned the regular Board meeting at 6:16 pm on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Herbie Bartlett
Executive Secretary**