

**MINUTES
FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

Monday, January 4, 2016

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 3:00 pm on Monday January 4, 2015 at the Franconia Town Hall. Regular members in attendance were Bob Montagno, Eric Meth, Bernie Costa, Sally Small and Herbie Bartlett

Guests of the Board: Dawn Steele, Mary & Peter Grote, Anne Foss, Karen Foss, Rick Gaudette, John Monaghan, Paul Schmucker

SELECTMEN'S TIME:

BOS Minutes 12/28/2015: Formal readings of the December 28, 2015 BOS meeting minutes were waived. The minutes of December 28, 2015 were not approved.

FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:

Transaction List for 1/7/16 - The Board reviewed and signed.

APPOINTMENTS:

3:00 – Paul Schmucker – Budget Presented and reviewed. The phone system has an issue because the phone will only allow in town calls. We need to talk with Allan Clark in regards to this. They never had a land line until 2015. They have used their cell phones previously. Paul gets his fuel with the state. Paul will talk to Presby in regards to fuel prices. We need to get the best price for the town. He will look into getting a card for diesel. Board would like to reduce the fuel to \$2600. Pam Oakman is now a Paramedic. We also picked up a new EMT. No workmen's compensation claims this year.

3:30 – Rick Gaudette – Budget presented and reviewed. They have been cleaning on their own time with no pay. He budgeted \$650 to pay for the guys to clean for 2 hours a week. The men have cleaned without compensation prior to this. They need floor mat runners. It would cost \$150/month thru Unifirst. We may get them cheaper as we already have an account with them. He will lower the budget if we can get a better price on mats. Cut building maintenance by \$750. Change the water to \$1600. The heating is efficient so we can cut the propane \$1500. Fuel for the trucks is being bought from Presby. Cut to \$1500. Keep \$3,000 for self contained breathing apparatus in case something has to be replaced. Want to keep enough to replace a set of gear if he has to. Some hoses are 40 years old. The hydraulics failed on the jaws of life and it cost \$10K to repair. Phone system is so complicated and so unnecessary. They do not use the landline. They use their cell phones. They do reports for the fire marshal. They are not using this system. We should have someone come in and talk to us about this system. Determine what their needs are. John Monaghan is okay with the system. Other departments don't use it. There are several items that are in case items that have been put in every year just in case. We probably will not use it but the money that is always budgeted so it will go back into the general fund. It will reduce the taxes next year. We need to have some money in each of these categories. We have always put money back into the general fund. Wages are up because of what is mandated and what has to be done. There is a 2 hour minimum for every call \$15/hour. Pay per hour beyond that. Meeting pay is 2 hours or 4 hours a month if you make meetings at \$15/hour. The clerical portion of the job wasn't being paid for before. He

added \$2K to pay them. We cannot charge to do fire inspections there is a RSA that states that we cannot.

4:00 – John Monaghan – Budget presented and discussed. He wants to install monitors for turning lights off and not running excessively long. The warranty has been submitted on the safety services building. Educational expense increased. John is requesting for programs like an anti-bullying program. The department is also going to purchase a new spare pistol in case one fails. He also wants to replace old lights on the M4 long guns. Department is busier so office expenses are more. They are trying to do things electronically so that it decreases the budget. Discovery was mandated per Judge Kelly. They want to purchase two body cameras at \$900/unit. Buy a DROBO for media storage. Fuel expense will be reduced to \$8500K. Our coverage is from 16 – 20 hours a day. NHSP covers after that.

TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:

The Select Board entered into non public session according to NH RSA 91- 3:II (c) at 5:30 pm. The Select Board returned to public sessions at 6:22 pm.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

There may be a possibility of a closed session meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbie Bartlett , Executive Secretary