

**MINUTES**  
**FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**  
**Thursday, January 7, 2016**

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 3:00 pm on Monday January 7, 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: Karen Foss, Scott Leslie, Jeff Phillips, John Monaghan, Peter Grote

<b>SELECTMEN'S TIME:</b>
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**BOS Minutes 12/28/2015 & 1/4/16:** Formal readings of the December 28, 2015 & January 4, 2016 BOS meeting minutes were waived.

**Amendments to minutes:**  
**12/28/2016:**

Page 2 Selectmen's time replaced paged with paved. Bickford Hill Bridge. Scott would like to pave the **approach to** and then past the bridge but it will cost a lot.

Kim Cowles – Change **They** to **Conservation Committee**. Very little cash is **needed** from the town. “We are not committing the town to looking into this” to be deleted. A lot of work and money was spent on the previous Design Charette, zoning changes from the Master Plan and the Wildlife Inventory.

3:15 Russ Cumbee- change “towns” to “organizations.” Delete rest of the paragraph and replace with **The Board** decided to put it under separate cover. Delete “Sally will ....”

John Monaghan – **The CIP item** was originally schedule to be replaced in 2016. The last sentence delete **for** and replace with **because of...**

Jim Fitzpatrick – Change **this** to **His visit**

Under To Discuss/Review: Mention our closed session.

**Bob made a motion to accept the December 28, 2015 & January 4, 2016 minutes as amended, Bernie seconded the motion and all voted in favor.**

**1/4/2016:**

Selectmen's Minutes – **delete** “December minutes were approved.”

Last sentence of the first page delete last sentence and put “the Firemen were not paid to do the reports.”

Under Paul Schmucker – **in- town** calls.

John Monaghan - they want to purchase two body cameras **at** \$900 a unit. Remove “purchased.”

Delete “Increase our shifts to 10 hours a day.”

3<sup>rd</sup> line – Delete – “Allan keeps asking the company because there is a punch list. “

Last sentence –“ Delete increase....”

<b>FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:</b>
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**Transaction List for – None**

<b>APPOINTMENTS:</b>
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**3:00 – Jeff Phillips - Cemetery** – He met with the Trustees last night. We have the cemetery rules and regulations completed. Instead of issuing deeds we are doing “rights to inter”. It doesn’t give ownership. They can sell a lot back to the town for the original price paid.

**Cemetery Budget** – we will be able to use monies from the perpetual care fund. How much or what we can use it for is not clear yet. The Trustees want to keep the budget the same. By the end of the year we will know what the perpetual care fund can be used for. Possibly can use for equipment or supplies.

**Buildings & Grounds** - Jeff just paid \$324 for repairs to the snow blower. Jeff fixes the equipment when he can. The Board dropped the building maintenance to \$4500. Any costs over \$5K would be handled by Capital Improvement (CIP) and we would have to get quotes for all work done. Raise the clock to \$350 until we figure out what it will cost to run the clock. Increase building cleaning up to \$3000. Should be maintenance/repair and we should bump up to \$1500. Tools can we drop it to \$400. Gas & Diesel for equipment we are dropping to \$1100. Heating oil we will drop to \$7000.00. Plantings – we would like plantings out front of the town building. Jeff can dig up hosta plants out back and move out front. No expense incurred. Supplies can be dropped to \$1200. Uniforms went up. Drop Diesel down to \$2500 for trucks. Does his own maintenance and oil changes.

**3:30 – Scott Leslie** – The Highway Department is over spent on building maintenance for fixing the break room at the garage. Sally will break out electricity from building maintenance. He wants to expand where the tools boxes are. Building Committee already recommended for what needs to be done. Scott has enough culverts to get thru this year but the Board decided to increase the line to \$1000 per year. Equipment Maintenance for backhoe, mower, grader reduced by \$2K. The new equipment is \$3000 for a paint sprayer & stencils to do lines for STOP AHEAD. The six foot high STOP AHEAD stencils are \$1400.00. Gas & Diesel \$3k under budget this year will drop to \$19,000.00. The propane we can drop it to \$6500. Gravel went up 50 cents a yard this year. Supplies drop to \$3800.00. Raise uniforms to \$1700 because of the increase and the hazardous waste surcharge.

Plowing at Mittersill this past Christmas vacation was a nightmare on Deer Pass. Scott had to back out. He barely got back to Alpen Hill. Scott talked to Marcia Graham. There were seven cars at the top parked in the hammerhead at the end of Deer Pass. He will not plow it anymore. Maybe he should go to the MACO Meeting. Decommission road or tow during snow emergency. Let’s get Laura Specter involved with this. Where does the liability come in? The Police were supposed to take action. Scott called the Police and told them. Bob will talk to the Chief about it and make an ordinance. It is not safe for Highway, Fire, and Police & Safety Crews.

**4:00 – Carol Wills - Election Registration** – Budget submitted. Supplies were bumped up for toner. She has her own dedicated phone line that goes to the state. No ballot clerks paid because they do not want to be paid. It could cost in the future.

**Financial Administration** – Done between Carol and Sally. Carol wants to get a scanner to save time and money in the long run. Recordings are over when liens get paid off. Overage was when we had to pay for Marie.

**TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:**

**The Select Board entered** into non public session according to NH RSA 91- 3:2A at 5:30pm.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

There may be a possibility of a closed session meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbie Bartlett, Executive Secretary