

**MINUTES
FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

Monday, January 14, 2013

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 3:00 pm on Monday, January 14, 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- Kim Cowles, Greg Wells, John Monaghan & Paul Hatch

Also: John Strasser, Sue Ford, Matt Koehler, and Tom Boucher

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

SELECTMEN'S TIME:

BOS Minutes 1/7/2013 & 1/9/2013: Formal readings of the January 7, 2013 and January 9, 2013 BOS meeting minutes were waived. The minutes of January 7, 2013 and January 9, 2013 were approved.

FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:

Transaction List for 1/17/13 - The Board reviewed and signed the checks and transaction list for 1/10/13.

Building Permit – Town of Franconia – Storage Shed on Dow –Was reviewed and signed by the Select Board. This shed will be used for storage of recreational equipment on the Dow.

APPOINTMENTS:

3:00 – Kim Cowles – Recreation/Parks – Kim discussed with the Select Board the 2013 Budget. The total increase is 2.5%. Currently Franconia has 78, Sugar Hill 49 and Easton 9 kids enrolled in the Lafayette School. These numbers are used to determine each town's share of the Tri Town Recreation expenses. The Recreation Department is also looking to expand its offerings to adults.

3:30 – Greg Wells – Tri Town Transfer Station – Greg discussed with the Select Board the Tri Town Transfer Station Budget for 2013. This budget has funded the repair/replacement of the French drain which caused some smell around the compactor this past year.

John Strasser discussed with the Franconia Select Board the potential ambulance situations regarding service and staffing. It may be a good time to look into a regional ambulance.

4:00 – John Monaghan & Paul Hatch – Emergency Management – Paul Hatch discussed with the Select Board the important position of Emergency Management Director for the Town of Franconia which is currently a vacant position. The position entails many duties day to day and week to week. It is good to have a deputy or an assistant in place. Mentorship is an important part of this position.

The Select Board has no reluctance to have an EMD in the Town. Discussion centered on offering the position to Mark Taylor who had held the position prior to retiring. A plan will be formalized with a stipend offered. Emergency management should be a separate budget. The Town should know that the position will be filled and that a budget is being established. It will be a \$2000 budget with \$1500 to the

EMD, \$1000 to the deputy and \$500 for expenses. There will be an option to renew/retain after one year the current EMD; however this will be revisited as we go along. The EMD should apply for a grant to update our emergency plan. As soon as a decision is made, Paul Hatch will need a letter of appointments.

John Monaghan is trying to hire a 3rd part time officer. He does have someone in mind.

John also mentioned a half iron man event that will take place in June starting and ending at Cannon Mountain. Local officers will take care of traffic control at some intersections. This event should bring good revenue to town.

TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:

Town Clerk/Tax Collector – Marilyn Knowlton is asked to meet with the Select Board on Wednesday, January 16, 2013 at 1:30pm.

A representative from AFLAC will be here on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 to meet with the employees to discuss their products. AFLAC is at no cost to the Town, the cost is to the employee.

Kris Pastoriza would like the Select Board to consider signing paperwork that she has prepared to put the “white shack” at the transfer on the NH state Register of Historic Places. This building was previously owned by Sam Ely.

The Select Board should be looking for a letter from a resident in Easton who owns property in Franconia to sign. This letter will be mailed to the manager of the White Mountain National Forest in support of doing away with the Northern Pass.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Follow up from Primex – Dave Witham –A copy of Dave’s report should be sent to departments heads with the notes that Jeff Phillips took. We need to make these improvements a priority.

March 12, 2013 is Town Meeting Day

February 11, 2013 will be the Public Budget Meeting

The filing period to run for public office is from January 23, 2013 until February 1, 2013

Selectman Lachapelle adjourned the meeting at 4:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne MacDonald, Executive Secretary