

MINUTES
Thursday, January 14, 2016

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 3:00 pm on Thursday, January 14, 2016 at the Franconia Town Hall. Regular members in attendance were Bob Montagno, Bernie Costa, Sally Small and Herbie Bartlett

Guests of the Board: Kim Cowles

Others in attendance: Peter Grote, Karen Foss, Dawn Steele.

SELECTMEN'S TIME:

BOS Minutes 1/7/2016 & 1/11/2016: January 7, 2016 were reviewed & January 11, 2016 BOS meeting minutes were tabled until the 21st.

Bernie made a motion to accept the minutes of January 7th as amended, Bob seconded the motion with all voting in favor.

FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:

Transaction Lists - None

APPOINTMENTS:

3:00 – Kim Cowles – Parks – Proposed Budget was submitted. One third of the field was done this year and 2 thirds of the field still needs to be done. Donations are paying for most of this. Kim has volunteers to help with the gardens this year. The metered water is the overage and we should say it should be \$650. The fuel expense will be dropped to \$1,000.

3:30 – Sally Small - The proposed Executive budget was submitted without the wages.

4:00 – Carol Wills - Requesting for a warrant article to pay for her health insurance. The employees pay 31% of our insurance and the town pays 69%. The Board supports this request.

She would like the glass removed or a portion removed so that she can hear and others can hear her. Carol will talk to someone about costs to adjust this.

TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:

Wages & Performance Evaluations

Life Squad Wages – Paul Schmucker asked for an increase of the current wages which are \$12 for the EMT's, \$14 for AEMT's and \$16 for the Paramedics. The EMT's are \$3 less than what the fire department is paid. The Life Squad does not get paid for attending meetings; they only get paid when they go on runs. They meet every Wednesday. The Board agrees to the wage increases of \$14 for the EMT's, \$16, and \$18 for the Paramedics.

Delinquent Taxes - \$122,371 in Delinquent Taxes have been collected in 2014 & 2015.

Land behind the Transfer Station – Tabled until after town meeting.

Town Budget Review –All Budgets will be on line. There will be a Public Hearing Monday, February 8th at 7pm. If needed, we will have another meeting to present the final budget on Thursday, February 11th. Department Heads will be available unless an emergency situation occurs.

Northern Pass Committee - Peter Grote presented a letter, to be sent to all the towns affected by Northern Pass, to the Select Board for signature in regards to joining the coalition.

Bob makes a motion to approve & sign the letter drafted by Peter Grote of the Northern Pass Committee to send to all towns that are affected by Northern Pass to join the coalition with all voting in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

There may be a possibility of a closed session meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbie Bartlett, Executive Secretary