

**MINUTES  
FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

**Tuesday, January 22, 2013**

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 3:00 pm on Tuesday, January 22, 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- Eric Pospesil & Paul Schmucker

Also:

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

**SELECTMEN'S TIME:**

**BOS Minutes 1/14/2013 & 1/16/2013:** Formal readings of the January 14, 2013 and January 16, 2013 BOS meeting minutes were waived. The minutes of January 14, 2013 and January 16, 2013 were approved as corrected.

**FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:**

**Transaction List for 1/24/13** - The Board reviewed and signed the checks and transaction list for 1/24/13.

**Crane & Bell Engagement Letter** was discussed but not signed at this point.

**MS – 60 Auditor Options** was discussed but not signed at this point. Sally will contact the Department of Revenue for further clarification and guidance.

**Appointments – EMD & Deputy EMC** was signed for Mark Taylor to be EMD and for Martin Cashin to be Deputy EMC.

**CRBNA Letter** was signed at the request of the Police Department to change signers of an account.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**3:00 –Eric Pospesil was here** to discuss the Community Forest plans. He is helping ACT with some of the smaller projects associated with this forest. The Community is now looking for Town Support as well as community support. They are looking for additional financial support and are need of securing funds to move the project forward. Funds to purchase the property have already been committed.

Franconia is being asked which level of investment they would be willing to commit to. Commitments have already come from Easton and Sugar Hill. ACT would own the property as a Community Forest. A representative from all towns involved would have a say in the project. They are looking for a one time, initially, commitment.

The Conservation Commission has funds that may be able to be used as the town's financial commitment. Eric would be happy to meet with the Conservation Commission and do a presentation. The Select Board will support an article if one needs to be placed on the warrant.

**3:30 – Paul Schmucker was in to discuss what could be** a contract problem regarding the ambulance if Littleton makes some changes with their contracts.

Paul would propose hiring someone fulltime (5 days a week covering ambulance and fire inspections). In the winter this would be proposed to work Wednesday thru Sunday, with weekend coverage at Cannon Mountain, including transport. Paul would like to also see Sugar Hill and Easton paying a more practical share of the costs if changes are made.

There may be some interest by other towns in regionalization of the ambulance programs. At this point, nothing can be done until official word is received from Littleton.

**4:00 Kim Cowles** – Kim was briefed by the Select Board on the Community Forest and the possibility of the Conservation Commission giving some financial support to it. John Lachapelle would like to get together with the Conservation Commission. Kim will notify all of the committee members and set up a time to meet. The ACT is suggesting a donation of \$5000.00 be made.

Kim would like to keep an eye on the Lawrence Property which is 110 acres and abuts land that we already own. It is worth the conservation looking into purchasing.

The Energy Commission will also need to keep a Select Board representative. Also discussed was whether the schools should be included in the circle of Energy Commission.

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| <b>TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:</b> |
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**Sally has been working on the Capital Reserve Funds** but so much is still in the air. She will have more information as she receives it from the departments.

**Sally has put together figures** from the library. The Library does not need to meet with the Select Board if their budget is about the same as last year.

**Sally was able** to give the Select Board some more information on the Tax Collector/Town Clerk position. Sally will do up figures for next week. The position is a three year, elected position.

**John Lachapelle handed** out a draft copy of the Select Board notes to be included in the 2012 Annual Report. Ted and Rollie are asked to take a look and make any changes needed.

**The Select Board may bring Meadow Crest Drive** before the Planning Board to discuss a change in classification of the road.

**John would like to see an** article that would have some wording to the effect, “Request that the Select Board have the authority to make a charitable donation not to exceed \$500 in a year”. This comes about after the Franconia Police Department wanted to send a donation to Greenland NH after an officer was killed in the line of duty.

**John would like to review** the annual amount contributed to the Town Buildings fund. CIP would like to recommend that this start to happen again as it has not happened in many years. They would suggest a contribution of \$10,000.00.

Discussed was all of the research Kris Pastolia has done on Sam Ely and the building which she would like to see on the States list of Historic Building. Most of her information is just a testimony to Sam. The Select Board will not do anything at this time.

**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 4:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne MacDonald, Executive Secretary