

**MINUTES
FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

Monday, January 5, 2015

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 3:00 pm on Monday January 5, 2015 at the Franconia Town Hall. Regular members in attendance were Ted Hoyle, John Lachapelle, Bob Montagno, Sally Small and Suzy MacDonald

Guests of the Board:

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

SELECTMEN'S TIME:

BOS Minutes 12/28/2014: Formal readings of the December 28, 2014 BOS meeting minutes were waived. The minutes of December 28, 2014 were approved.

FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:

Transaction List for 12/31/14 & 01/08/2015- The Board reviewed and signed the transaction list for 12/31/14 & 01/08/2015.

Safety Services Building Project Transaction List- none

APPOINTMENTS:

TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:

Forest Fire Warden Appointment – was not complete. Chief Richard Gaudette has scheduled a meeting with Steve Sherman from the State of NH regarding this situation.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Resumes were reviewed. The Select Board has a copy of each resume. Four resumes were received.

The Select Board will meet with the Town of Sugar Hill and the Town of Easton next Monday to discuss the Recreation Department Budget and the Transfer Station Budget.

The Select Board is looking at giving each employee a 1.7% cost of living increase which should be included in each budget. When budgets are presented to the Select Board they should include what was approved for 2014 as well as what was actually spent in 2014. The 2015 should show proposed budget.

The propane at the Safety Services Building was discussed.

The electricity at the Safety Services Building was discussed. It is going to be very hard to estimate the charges thru this first year. The Select Board talked about what was a fair charge for each department.

Why can't there be one big energy line for all town buildings. It could still be separated by building but have all energy cost in one line item. Sally will check with the DRA about this.

Bob Montagno raised concerns he had heard regarding the Fire Department and the Life Squad and entrance into the building. The Life Squad is being asked to come thru the side entrance or the front door. The Life Squad is part of the Fire Department. The Select Board would like to see the Life Squad go thru the gear room as originally discussed and agreed upon when the building was in the planning stages. If there is disagreement to this then both Chiefs are asked to attend the next Select Board meeting. Rick Gaudette happened to arrive at this time and was briefed on current discussion. He sees no reason for the Life Squad to access the building thru the gear room. Rich said access has never been discussed. Rick feels the new building is a huge morale booster for the Fire Department and lots of the equipment is their own, and they should have their own space. John Lachapelle understands the "traffic" issue but doesn't want to hear "we don't trust them....."

Rick is not aware of there being any problem with the Life Squad using alternative doors. He is willing to do what the Select Board tells him to do.

Rick is concerned that the Fire Department was not included in the key access discussion. Allan Clark took care of the key access and programming. There are currently not enough keys for all volunteers to get into the building.

The Select Board would like to talk with Chief Paul Schmucker and get his view of this whole situation.

Rick wishes the board good luck in getting away from an us and them attitude. John Lachapelle reminds the board we are not going to operate like this.

The Select Board entered into non public session according to NH RSA 91- 3:2A at 3:48.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Bob Montagno will not be at the meeting on January 12, 2015.

Selectman Lachapelle adjourned the public meeting at 3:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne MacDonald, Executive Secretary