

**MINUTES  
FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

**Wednesday, January 9, 2013 (Worksession)**

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 3:00 pm on Wednesday, January 9, 2013 at the Franconia Town Hall. Regular members in attendance were John Lachapelle, Ted Hoyle, Sally Small and Suzy MacDonald.

Guests of the Board- Rick Gaudette, Paul Schmucker, Scott Leslie

Also:

John Lachapelle called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

<b>SELECTMEN'S TIME:</b>
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<b>FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:</b>
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<b>APPOINTMENTS:</b>
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**1:00 – Rick Gaudette – 2013 Fire Department Budget** –Rick still has no further information on the fire ponds. He will continue to gather information.

Rick and the Select Board discussed the 2013 Budget. Not much of a change for 2013.

Rick also briefed the Board with what could become a very complicated situation with the ambulance service in Littleton. Rick is asked to keep the Select Board up to date on factual information.

Rick's preference on the draft question pertaining to the Safety Services Building is response #1.

The Fire Department will be holding a CPR course for its members on Wednesday, January 16, 2013 at 6:00pm.

**1:30 – Paul Schmucker – 2013 Life Squad Budget** – Paul and the Select Board discussed the 2013 budget. Paul does not anticipate much of a change for 2013.

Paul's preference on the draft question pertaining to the Safety Services Building is response #1.

**2:00 – Scott Leslie** discussed his options of hiring a seasonal or a full time employee. This does need to be a person that holds a valid CDL. An ad will be placed in the local newspaper for a fulltime employee. The Select Board would like to have Jim Cyrs Jr sit on the interview committee.

Scott then discussed with the Board his yearly salary and the amount of overtime he puts in. He also has done research with other towns to see how they handle their Road Agent. He is willing to go with a straight salary for the year of \$60,000 which would include overtime and not cause any comp time. He also has used the Local Government Centers figures from the 2011 Salary and Benefits report. The Board will consider and discuss this proposal when all Select Board members are present.

Tony Tec was coming back to change something on the furnace. Tony passed away over the weekend so we need to see where we go from here. Elmer Arborgast is on vacation but will be back on the 17 of January and he will be able to address this problem.

**TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:**

**2013 Building Permitting Process** was discussed focusing on the fee schedule. The Select Board would like for Sally to get clarification on Commercial Fees. Sally will make contact with Allan Clark with the Board's questions. If all is ok the Select Board can approve at the January 14, 2013 meeting. If Allan has not been to see the Planning Board he will need to schedule an appointment.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

**Email from Rural Development – Mark Koprowski/Rene Labranche** – A list of claims will be sent to Mark Koprowski.

**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 2:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne MacDonald, Executive Secretary