

**MINUTES  
FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

**Thursday, January 9, 2014**

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 1:00 pm on Thursday, January 9, 2014 at the Franconia Town Hall. Regular members in attendance were John Lachapelle, Bob Montagno, Sally Small and Suzy MacDonald

Guests of the Board – John Monaghan, Paul Schmucker and Rick Gaudette

Ted Hoyle 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 – John Monaghan – 2014 Police Budget** – The Police Budget was reviewed between the Chief and the Select Board. A 2% raise across the board has been accounted for. The Police only have one cell phone issued by the Town and that is the Chief Cell Phone. The other two officers have opted to not use a town issued phone and have been using their personal phones. John Monaghan says there is no liability to the Town for them using their own phone.

The Select Board signed two appointments for part time officers.

**2:00 – Paul Schmucker – 2014 Life Squad Budget** – The Life Squad Budget was reviewed between Chief Schmucker and the Select Board. Paul is concerned with the CIP figures. The Life Squad Budget for 2014 is virtually unchanged. The Life Squad went on approximately 260 runs in 2013.

The Hospital will continue to replace supplies used for the next couple of months.

**2:20 – Harriet Taylor, Dinny Richmond, & Grace Montagno** - These three women from the Library were here to discuss the fact that the furnace for the Library was not listed on the CIP Plan for 2014. There is \$5000 available in the Library Expendable Trust Fund and the Library can fund the other \$2500 for replacement. Sally discussed how this should be seen on the warrant. The \$8500 for replacement of the furnace will be included in the 2014 Library budget.

**2:30 – Rick Gaudette – 2014 Fire Budget** – The Fire Department Budget was reviewed between Chief Gaudette and the Select Board. Building Maintenance line item was discussed in detail. The 2014 Fireman's pay allows the department the ability to pay a two hour minimum for calls. The payroll was over in 2013 and much of that can be attributed to an increased number of runs. The Fire Department is currently going to between 80 – 90 runs a year. The Select Board discussed the volunteer pay of \$15.00 an hour for calls.

Rick will call dispatch and get a log of all the total calls – detailed – and get that information to John Lachapelle.

Sally will give Rick the information for 2012/2013 propane usage.

Regionalization could be a plan in the future.

<b>TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:</b>
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**Front Step Bids** – Bob will look into this further with Provan & Lorber. It is possible that our guys may be able to remove the existing steps. The Select Board does not want to post pone this project any further. The Select Board will discuss this situation again on Monday.

**Bridge Report** will again be reviewed by Bob Montagno in detail. The Dow Avenue Bridge is red listed. The DOT has provided a report which John Lachapelle has summarized. Bob Montagno will be working with Scott Leslie, Road Agent on this.

**Energy Commission** has raised some concerns and those have been given to Bob Montagno.

**Performance Reviews**

**All Department Heads are** expected to be at the Budget Meeting and the Annual Meeting.

<b>FOR YOUR INFORMATION:</b>
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**The Public Budget Hearing will be held on Monday February 10, 2014 at 7pm.**

Selectman Hoyle adjourned the meeting at 3:00pm

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne MacDonald, Executive Secretary