

MINUTES
FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Monday, July 11, 2016

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 3:00 pm on Monday, July 11, 2016 at the Franconia Town Hall. Regular members in attendance were Bernie Costa, Eric Meth, John Lachapelle, Sally Small and Herbie Bartlett (Left at 4:30pm).

Guests of the Board:

Other Guests: Rick Gaudette, Roger Odell, Dawn Steele, Jeff Woodward, Tinalynn Caisse Knox, Mary Grote, Tyler Gaudette.

MINUTES: 7/5/16

BOS Minutes 6/27/2016: A formal reading of the July 5, 2016 minutes was waived and the minutes were approved as written.

Eric made a motion to accept the minutes as written, John seconded the motion with all voting in favor.

FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:

Transaction Lists – 7/14/16 - Approved and signed by the Board
Building Permit – Cameron Map 14/Lot 148 (Shed)

APPOINTMENTS:

3:00 - Open Time – Mary Grote – Would like to see the agenda before the day of the meeting. She had a concern with the July 5th minutes that the verbiage quoted at the Planning Board Meeting pertaining to the ROW on Timber Lane was not stated in the minutes of the Board of Selectmen. It was never stated verbatim. The Planning Board wanted the ROW removed from the Mylar because of our town attorney’s written opinion which was not stated verbatim from the written letter.

3:15 – Rick Gaudette, Roger Odell & Tyler Gaudette (Ladder Truck) –The Fire Dept. has found a 1995 truck in upstate NY that will work for our town with a huge savings to the tax payers. It is owned by a private logging company that hasn’t utilized it. Our CIP has it on the agenda to spend \$130 - \$140K for a truck like this. Similar trucks are listed for \$125 - \$130K. The truck is yellow. The truck was listed for \$85K and we can get it for \$69K. The board discussed various methods of paying for the truck and decided that since the Town had already voted to purchase this type of vehicle, we can hold a special meeting and ask the Town to make the Selectmen agents to expend the Capitol Reserve fund for a tanker truck. . Sally had already consulted with Jaime at the Department of Revenue Administration and he had said that the Town would need to hold a public meeting to announce and discuss the issue and then a later special town meeting with simple majority of a voice vote. Bernie suggested that if someone calls for a ballot vote, then you have to have it and we would need some ballot clerks available just in case.

Rick explained that Tyler Gaudette, who is in charge of ladder trucks in the town of Hanover, had already traveled to the location of the truck and consulted via phone with the company that certifies the pumps and ladders on fire trucks. The trucks are required to be inspected every two years and it had been inspected within the last two years. OSHA inspects the ladder every two years. The Pump was inspected last year. . The ladder is supported by the outriggers and frame. You can extend the ladder horizontally. It has 70K pounds on the outriggers and frame. Mileage is just under 30K. The ariel unit has 800 hours on it. There was more discussion about the physical condition of the truck and Rick subsequently recommended that the Town get an outside mechanic to check out the vehicle and the Board decided to do so.

Sally will advertise in the paper for a public meeting on August 3rd and a special meeting to be held on August 17th at 6pm. Rick Gaudette will call the owner of the truck and tell them we have a plan in place in regards to purchasing the truck. He then reminded the Board that there will also be about \$20K to be put into the truck for adding equipment that is needed. It does not have to be done right away tho. He stated that he Fire Dept. can get donations that can pay for some of the equipment. There will also be taxes and registration – It's not a lot because it is a municipality. Sally explained that there are no taxes for registering equipment for a municipality.

3:45 – Wage, Salary & Benefits Committee - Dawn Steele – The Committee stated that it would like all the documents they were handing out to the Board returned to the committee at the end of the meeting because the data was for 2016 and they are sure the exact numbers would change. The Committee recommends having a meeting with all of our town employees. The Committee has come up with possible questions that the employees may have. According to the Town's insurance company, the current plan will no longer be available at of 1/1/17. It is highly recommended that we stay with Health Trust. They had checked out 14 plans with Health Trust and Patty Stewart. The Committee is recommending two possible plans which are closest to those the employees now participate in. The employees will have to choose what plan by December 1st.

Eric made a motion to accept the 2 Health Plans presented to the Board by the Wage, Salary & Benefit Committee, John seconded the motion with all voting in favor.

Jeff discussed the Anthem Direct Plan that some of the younger employees might be interested in that is available through another insurance agent. The plan could be tailored to the individual, both the employee and the town could see a cost savings.

TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:

Franconia Heritage Museum Lease – Sally has given the lease to the Board to review. John has questions. There was a proposed agreement dated May 1997 that was signed. They have proposed changes for the May 2007 lease. The selectmen had sent the letter giving them a year's extension and nothing ever came of it. In 1997 the Museum was tending to the exterior and interior maintenance. The town voted to accept the museum as a town building. When something is a town building we maintain the exterior and they maintain the interior. That is when the town started the building maintenance fund. John wants the paper trail in one spot. Original lease 1997 and item #15 & 16 left out of the new lease proposal. The repair items add up to \$6K without estimates for the last two items. The repair of structural in the barn should be interior. We can set up an appointment with the Museum to answer questions. We should not be renting ladders for them. Painting should be starting pretty soon. Sally will contact them

so they can see what ladders that we have. Kim will know. Eric thought it was a good agreement. Bernie suggest that our new Buildings and Grounds person may be able to install the porch roof if it is just the milk porch. The Board had lots of questions. Bernie suggested that as far as the exterior door at the back porch...we have more issues at the town hall to tend to before we do that, though leaks in the barn roof should be attended to before that. Sally will schedule a meeting with the Heritage Council representatives.

Lawrence Development Land Sale – We are going to try and have the closing on Friday and Sally will let Rebecca know that the Selectmen will be available on Friday. We will be dealing with the sale and not the conservation easement.

4:45 pm – **Closed Session** – Legal and Personnel – As per RSA 91-3:II (e) the Board voted to go into closed session. At 5:15pm the Board voted to come out of closed session and seal the minutes.

The Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbie Bartlett
Executive Secretary

Sally Small
Town Administrator