

**MINUTES
FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

Monday, July 16, 2012

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 5:00 pm on Monday, July 16, 2012 at the Franconia Town Hall. Regular members in attendance were, John Lachapelle, Ted Hoyle, Rollie Barnaby, and Suzy MacDonald.

Guests of the Board- Greg Wells, Ken Mosedale, Jack Cook

Also:

John Lachapelle called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

SELECTMEN'S TIME:

BOS Minutes 07/02/2012: Formal readings of the July 2, 2012 BOS meeting minutes were waived. The minutes of July 2, 2012 were approved.

FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:

Checks and Transaction List for 07/19/12 - The Board reviewed and signed the checks and transaction list for 07/19/12.

Driveway Permit – Stinson – Map 20/Lot 02-NH Route 18 – The Board reviewed and signed the Driveway Permit for Stinson – Map 20/Lot 02- NH Route 18.

Cemetery Deed – Nadell – The Board reviewed and signed a Cemetery Deed for Nadell.

Driveway Permit – Spinelli/Tyson – Map 4/Lot 28-7 Summit Drive – The Board reviewed and signed the Driveway Permit for Spinelli/Tyson – Map 4/Lot 28-7 Summit Drive.

APPOINTMENTS:

5:00 – Ken Mosedale- Road Specs –Ken discussed with the Select Board the current road specs and a change that he is proposing. He has made one change to the current specs and is proposing new wording to the Select Board.

Ken is asking for two different things. He is asking that the wording in the road specs be changed and is asking that the Town of Franconia take over his road, Meadow Crest Drive, and maintain it as a town road. Currently Meadow Crest Drive does not meet all of the criteria to be a town road. Meadow Crest Drive has 11 lots on it and only 6 of those lots have road frontage. In 2000 it met town road specs. In 2006 the road specs were changed. This would be taking over a gravel road and having no plans to need to pave it. Maintain it as a gravel road.

The Select Board will have the Town's Attorney take a look at the new proposed wording.

5:30 – Jack Cook – Energy (Along with Bob Tortorice and Mogens Jessen) - These gentlemen discussed with the Board the current energy audit and moving forward. Still under discussion is the

amount of space that needs to be heated at the Mittersill Fire Station. The Select Board would like to see this area taken care of this summer and not have to heat that building anymore.

The Maintenance Building is not being considered in this project as it is a fairly new and efficient building. The maintenance department still operates in this building.

A plan for energy savings was presented to the Select Board and was reviewed in detail. The Energy Team is looking at the Town Hall first, Safety Services building second and the Highway Garage third. The Energy Team feels they are at a point where a public meeting should be held to update the townspeople. We are currently waiting to hear back from Elmer Arborgast on a date for the hearing.

5:45 – Greg Wells – 2nd Q Budget – Greg and the Select Board discussed the 2nd Q Budget for the Tri Town Transfer Station. Greg has been notified that tipping charges are going down next year \$4,000-\$6000 in the next year. Greg has ordered bags and is awaiting their arrival. These bags should take us into early 2014. Work was done on the baler.

Ted discussed with Greg how he arrives at charges for bulky items. Some bulky items need to be broken down by the Transfer Station equipment and employees taking up valuable time and resources. When the items it disposed of we, the town, is charged by weight. The town is also charged for transportation. The charge we give is by visual and an estimate of weight and bulkiness. This was not a standard item. At the time a very bulky item was dropped off both of the containers were full. Sometimes it is an option to have the customer drive to Bethlehem to NCES where they have a scale for accurate weighing.

The Select Board will expect that all department heads be present at the Budget Hearing and the Annual Town Meeting. Also employee evaluations are due in December.

TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:

2012 Budgets – 2012 Budgets were given to the Select Board for Executive, Financial Administration, Elections, and Planning and Zoning.

John would like Sally to follow up with a letter detailing the process to file an abatement with a resident.

John would like to know the relationship between the Town and Jason Kern and the Town and Mike Hern regarding the computers. Do we have a contract or are these gentlemen consultants?

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Letter from Bruce Hadlock was reviewed.

Letter from Lydia Cumbee – was read and reviewed. The Select Board will draft a response.

The Art of Welfare Administration Booklet
North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency
Thank you and Annual Report from Littleton Regional Hospital

Selectman Lachapelle adjourned the meeting at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne MacDonald, Executive Secretary