

**MINUTES
FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

Monday, July 02, 2012

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 5:00 pm on Monday, July 2, 2012 at the Franconia Town Hall. Regular members in attendance were, John Lachapelle, Ted Hoyle, Rollie Barnaby, Sally Small and Suzy MacDonald.

Guests of the Board- Dick Morneau, Phil Beaulieu, Jack Cook

Also:

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

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| SELECTMEN'S TIME: |
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BOS Minutes 06/18/2012: Formal readings of the June 18, 2012 BOS meeting minutes were waived. The minutes of June 4, 2012 were approved.

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| FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL: |
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Checks and Transaction List for 07/5/12 - The Board reviewed and signed the checks and transaction list for 07/5/12.

Response to Gargano – 7 Mountain View Drive – The Board reviewed and signed a response to The Gargano's – 7 Mountain View Drive.

Building Permit – Gaudette/Spears – 270 Iron Foundry Road – New House – The Board reviewed and signed a Building Permit for Gaudette/Spears – 270 Iron Foundry Road for a new house.

Building Permit – Blodgett – 362 Iron Foundry Road – Outbuilding – The Board reviewed and signed a Building Permit for Blodgett – 362 Iron Foundry Road for an outbuilding.

Sign Permit – Powell – Map 12/Lot 42 – Slalom Lane – The Board reviewed and signed a Sign Permit for Powell – Map 12/Lot 42 – Slalom Lane.

Intent to Cut – McKenzie Woods Road – The Board reviewed and signed Intent to Cut for McKenzie Woods Road.

Tax Abatement – Libby – Map 30/Lot 2-3 – The Board reviewed and signed a Tax Abatement for Libby – Map 30/Lot 2-3.

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| APPOINTMENTS: |
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3:00 – Dick Morneau & Philip Beaulieu - NHDOT – Route 116 work –Philip briefed the Select Board on some upcoming work on Route 116. This work will involve resurfacing a portion of Route 116 from Fox Hill Road to Old County road – a stretch of about 1 mile. This portion of road is in poor condition, especially in the winter. The project will entail 2 surface treatment types – 8 inches of crushed gravel and 4 ¼ inches of pavement. 3 inches of the pavement will be a cold mix, recycled pavement, a test that the

NHDOT will be doing. Currently culverts are being replaced and the road is being prepped for this paving project which is scheduled for the end of July.

Sally discussed with Dick and Phil what is needed on a State road for a bike path.

The Board reviewed and signed, at the NHDOT's request, a Municipal Work Zone Agreement. The NHDOT is primarily responsible for traffic control.

3:30 – Andy Smith – 347 Main Street - cancelled

3:30 – Jack Cook – Energy Team – Jack reported that we did not receive the grant that was applied for earlier this year. Jack recognizes along with the Select Board that great momentum was gathered and he would like to continue to move forward with doing energy improvements. There is funding in the Town Buildings Fund that could be used for this purpose. Jack is looking for some ground rules. The Select Board would recommend that Scott Leslie be involved in the upgrades to all of the buildings. Many of the items being presented are for comfort and safety, as much as for saving money. Priorities have been indentified within each building. It is also worth including the maintenance building in the energy audit even though this building is just a couple of years old.

The Mittersill Fire Station was discussed. It is understood this location will be used for cold storage. Still being discussed is the need to heat a small office area for Lakes Region Water, the water system operator.

The current Select Board would like to be clear with Jack that they are not talking about a new Highway Garage. There is still talk about a new Safety Services Building. Regardless, Jack feels that we must fix what we currently have to benefit from energy savings.

The Select Board would like to hear back from Jack with priorities and costs. Discussed was the importance of a public meeting to let the townspeople know about this project. Jack will be prepared with more information on July 16, 2012 at 5:30pm.

It is also time to start thinking about fuel/propane/ etc bids.

The Town is still interested in looking into LED street lighting.

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| TO DISCUSS/REVIEW: |
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Septic Permit – Catelli – Map 31/Lot 31 – A septic permit for Catelli – Map 31/Lot 31 was reviewed and will be sent to the State of New Hampshire for approval.

Department Budget Hearings will be schedule with department heads now that the year is half over.

Sally briefed the Board with the background information she was able to come up with on “Old County Road”. The road is a “right to travel” and use can't be prevented with an old county road. No one owns this road. Sally has not been able to find any deeds that describe this travel road. If nobody owns the road the Select Board can't render an opinion.

Sally is asked to put an advertisement into The Courier for a Police Department Patrol Officer. The deadline for applications is on August 10, 2012. Run the ad for 2 weeks, in the 11th and the 18th issues.

There is still no water at the Cemetery and several complaints have been received. The Select Board will bring this to Scott Leslie's attention. Also discussed was the wrought iron fence and the repairs that were made to it last year. Some rust is showing and a fresh coat of paint would be an improvement.

Have Scott Leslie attend the Select Board meeting on the 16th of July at 4:30pm.

Rollie would like to discuss and look further into the Police Department wages, especially for the part timer officers. John will look into what other towns pay.

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| FOR YOUR INFORMATION: |
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North Country Public Safety Foundation – 5th Annual Awards

Next Select Board meeting is July 16, 2012 at 4:30pm.

Selectman Lachapelle adjourned the meeting at 4:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne MacDonald, Executive Secretary