

**MINUTES
FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

Monday, July 8, 2013

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 3:00 pm on Monday, July 8, 2013 at the Franconia Town Hall. Regular members in attendance were John Lachapelle, Ted Hoyle, Bob Montagno, Sally Small and Suzy MacDonald.

Guests of the Board- Greg Wells, Jack Cook, Chris Clark and Water Commissioners

Ted Hoyle called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

SELECTMEN'S TIME:

BOS Minutes 6/24/2013: Formal readings of the June 24, 2013 BOS meeting minutes were waived. The minutes of June 24, 2013 were approved with a couple of corrections.

FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:

Transaction List for 7/11/13 - The Board reviewed and signed the checks and transaction list for 7/11/13.

APPOINTMENTS:

3:00 – Greg Wells – Greg discussed recycling equipment and has found the source of the smell at the Transfer Station. The bottom of the cans are all rusted out and pure leachate is leaking out. The cans are about 10 years old. Two new cans can be ordered for about \$13,400 which will include shipping. Greg will also get a trade in value for the old containers. There was much discussion on how to pay for the containers. Sally will look into spending from the special transfer station fund.

This item should be put on the 10 year plan with the CIP.

On July 29, 2013 the Select Board would like to have a joint meeting with Sugar Hill and Easton regarding this matter.

Plastic recycling may start to take on more. Greg has been in touch with Casella and they can take all plastics. We would pay \$100 transportation to Bethlehem per load and \$50 for one ton of plastic. Being able to recycle more type of plastic would reduce the amount of C&D and solid waste.

The Select Board in Franconia is in agreement for this. The other two Select Boards also need to vote on this.

3:30 – Jack Cook – Jack Cook has been working on finding energy to purchase for less money than PSNH. Currently he has found a representative in Lincoln who is able to provide this service. Lutz Whalem presented the Board with a low rate offer for energy. Jack is suggesting we go with Next ERA Company for a 12 month term. Total savings would be about \$1654 for a year. The contract terms were discussed. The Select Board signed a contract today for a three year program.

The Select Board will ask Jack Cook, Energy Team, to share this information with the Town.

3:45 – Chris Clark – Chris is a contractor in Franconia and has problems getting rid of construction debris at the Transfer Station. He has also had problems getting rid of brush. He is constantly being told the area is full or the containers are full. (The brush pile could not be burned due to the amount of rain received in this area.)

Greg does his best to accommodate all residents. Greg cannot predict when the containers will be empty or full. Greg has told Chris in the past he can bring his trailer full directly to the landfill in Bethlehem. Chris thinks there is room at the Transfer Station for two more containers for C & D. Greg disagrees with him.

4:00 – Water Commissioners – Marcia Graham and Richard McLachlin – The Select Board discussed flow testing with the Water Commissioners. Even though we have a new system some parts of town contain the old line and it's not capable of handling the pressure needed. Big potential for water line damage. Some of the larger users may run out of water if flow testing were to be done. It would take 12-24 hours to recover the water used. Hydrants are really only to be used during an emergency.

The Water Commissioners have invited the Select Board to tour the water shed area. The aquifer on Route 18 was discussed.

The Water Commissioners are still looking for a Water Commissioner to fill a vacant seat until the elections in March.

A few ongoing water meter issues were discussed.

TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:

Letter from Franconia Forest Community Association was reviewed.

North Country Public Safety Foundation Awards information was distributed.

A **public meeting** being held for the Liquor Commission was discussed.

There is no wet lands study on file for 816 Main Street – Safety Services Building.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Presby Scrap Metal Collection and Recycling Center Permit

Thank You from Adaptive Sports/Boys & Girls Club/American Red Cross

Selectman Hoyle adjourned the meeting at 5:10 pm

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne MacDonald, Executive Secretary