

**MINUTES
FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

Monday, June 24, 2013

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 3:00 pm on Monday, June 24, 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- Dinny Richmond, Harriett Taylor, Jack Cook, Kim Cowles

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

SELECTMEN'S TIME:

BOS Minutes 6/10/2013: Formal readings of the June 10, 2013 BOS meeting minutes were waived. The minutes of June 10, 2013 were approved with a couple of corrections.

FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:

Transaction List for 6/27/13 - The Board reviewed and signed the checks and transaction list for 6/27/13.

Driveway Permit – Mullens – Map 3/Lot 3-2 Wallace Hill Road – The Board reviewed and signed a Driveway Permit for Mullens – Map 3/Lot 3-2 Wallace Hill Road.

Building Permit – Mullins – Map 3/Lot 3-2 – The Board reviewed and signed a Building Permit for Mullins – Map 3/Lot 3-2.

Acceptance of Audit Requirements – EMPG Program – Ted Hoyle reviewed and signed a Chairman the Acceptance of Audit Requirement for the EMPG Program.

APPOINTMENTS:

3:00 – Dinny Richmond & Harriett Taylor – Library – Bob Montagno would like to confirm that the dip in the front walkway at the Library does not have to stay. He would also like to know if the color of the concrete needs to match the color of the existing concrete; it does not. The Library will be using Bruce Bunker for the concrete work. The railings still need to be fabricated and put into place keeping in mind the ADA requirements. Scott will not remove the sidewalk and prep for new work until the railings are complete. Bob will talk to Scott regarding this.

The funds remaining available for the steps and for the walkway were discussed.

3:30 – Jack Cook – Jack is still gathering quotes from power suppliers. Power Suppliers are numerous and he wants to be sure he researches completely prior to making any suggestions. He has received positive feedback on Next ERA who is an owner of Seabrook. Jack would like to get a feeling from the Select Board on nuclear energy. The Select Board does not have a problem with it. Jack will proceed with gathering the paperwork and he hopes to present more information in two weeks.

4:00 – Kim Cowles – Concert on the Dow was a success on Friday June 21, 2013.

Twenty kids are going on the adventure trip from Tuesday into Wednesday of this week.

The rink does hold water. It's what it is designed to do. Kim has carved out a small drainage area and has lifted the boards. It is going to puddle. It was designed to hold water for an ice skating rink.

The Conservation Commission will be meeting in the very near future to review the FSC/Mittersill project.

John Lachapelle has spoken with Kate Vaughan at the Littleton Senior Center. There will be a "rollover" bus coming up for the bidding process soon. The Town of Franconia would like to bid. There are some busses that are in much better condition than others. Be sure to thoroughly go over the bus prior to submitting a bid.

TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:

Mary Nehring – Mary filed for abatement in November of 2011 after receiving her tax bill. She had a house fire on June 23, 2011. An Assessor's abatement is much different than an abatement issued by the Tax Collector. The Assessor bases his adjustments on what is on the ground as of April 1, the current year. The Town may not have brought this matter to the assessor's attention for the 2012 year thinking that the repairs from the damage were complete. The house is complete now and is occupied. It is important that the assessor's be allowed to see the inside of the property.

Damage to Septic at Safety Services Building – In early June it was noticed that the septic line at the Safety Services Building had been damaged, possibly when the underground tank was removed during the winter. The bill for this will be charged to the safety services maintenance line item.

John has clarified with Marcia Graham, Water Commissioner, that they can appoint a Water Commissioner from now until Town Meeting day in March.

Flow Testing was discussed and the Select Board is asking to see both Marcia and Richard McLachlin at the next meeting. There are still some issues with the system that need to be explained.

The Water Department will be sending a letter to all residents and businesses with the July billing.

The Water Department is working toward the goal of having submitted plans to DES by July 24, 2013.

The Select Board has been invited to the Cannon Mountains 75th Celebration on June 28, 2013. Sally should RSVP for the Board.

The CIP will be meeting in early July. The Select Board should be talking with Sugar Hill and Easton regarding the Transfer Station. Greg will be in to speak with the Select Board at the next meeting. Scott Leslie will also be invited to discuss the drainage at the Transfer Station.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Selectman Hoyle adjourned the meeting at 4:25 pm

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne MacDonald, Executive Secretary