

**MINUTES  
FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
Monday, June 6, 2016**

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 3:00 pm on Monday, June 6, 2016 at the Franconia Town Hall. Regular members in attendance were Bernie Costa, Eric Meth, John Lachapelle, Sally Small and Herbie Bartlett.

Guests of the Board: Kim Cowles, Rick Gaudette, Marcia Graham, Ray Peltier, Paul Schmucker

Other Guests: Peter Grote, Dawn Steele, Russ Cumbee, Mary Grote

<b>SELECTMEN'S TIME:</b>
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**BOS Minutes 5/31/2016:** A formal reading of the May 31, 2016 minutes was waived and the minutes were approved as amended.

**Bernie made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, Eric seconded the motion with all voting in favor.**

<b>FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:</b>
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**Transaction Lists – 6/9/16 - Approved and signed by the Board**

**Garage doors – The Board accepted the quote of \$10K for replacing all the doors.**

**Application for flags for the telephone poles – Bernie signed the application and Sally agreed to talk to Jennifer in regards to what Sugar Hill did.**

<b>APPOINTMENTS:</b>
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**3:00 – Open Time** – Dawn Steel reported that the area that the town repaired in Forest Hills is doing well. The Huggett's now own McArthur's Lot. The Huggett's house is not part of Forest Hills. The Huggett's will have to petition the association to have the lot included into the association.

John Lachapelle questioned why the ad had not been placed for the Buildings & Grounds position. He felt it should have been a board vote to hold up the posting and Bernie contended that we discussed waiting until we had decided what position we were advertising. John did not recall the conversation and could not find it in the minutes. It will be formally voted on.

**Sign** – Northern Pass Committee would like the sign to read, "Informational Meeting for Northern Pass for Franconia Residents on Wednesday, June 15th at 6pm."

**3:15 – Meeting with Department Heads** – Those in attendance discussed the preparation for the proposed informational meeting to be scheduled for June 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in regards to Northern Pass.

**3:50 – Closed Session – Building Maintenance & Grounds Maintenance Personnel Issue.**

**TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:**

**Letter from Carl Shafer – Letter of Resignation from CIP**

**ITEMS TO REVIST:**

**Batchelder ROW** – Sally will email Keith and send our docs to him in regards to the ROW.

**MTAG Grant** – 5 people will be going to this ceremony on Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. There are no concerns in regards to the contract for the grant. The Board consented to having Bernie sign the grant contract at the ceremony.

**Donation Protocol for Town Budget** – was discussed.

**John made a motion that the new donation application will be used for all non profits and that the Selectboard will review each application. Each request that qualifies will be a separate warrant article. Eric seconded the motion with all voting in favor.**

Sally will contact the non profits and charitable foundations that will have to fill out application and each one will be a separate warrant article. If the Selectmen choose not to include a request, we will contact them so that they may do a petition.

**Cemetery Trustees** – As advised by counsel, the Cemetery Trustees will be in charge of hiring the new Sexton for the Cemetery. Trustees can meet with the Select Board anytime they desire. Sally will be meeting with Barbara Holt and will give her a copy of the salary comparisons the Salary, Wage & Benefit Committee provided so they will have this information.

**Trustees of the Trust Funds** – Since Carol Walker will be moving out of town there will be a vacancy and the Selectmen will have to appoint another Trustee. Bernie thought that Joe Germano might be interested. The board felt that he would be a good candidate and Bernie agreed to approach him.

**Heritage Museum** – Sally will contact Phil Krill to see if he and other members could come in on the 20<sup>th</sup> of June to discuss their concerns.

**Closed Session** - Holden Engineering & Northern Pass

**Right of Ways (ROW's) in General** –Delage Road, Scragg Mountain and ROW's in general were discussed. Bernie asked that the Board think about questions they had in regards to ROW's before next meeting so we will have all our questions prior to scheduling an appointment with the town attorney. We have concerns about Scragg Mountain, the State ROW and Delage Farm Road, as well as the role of the Planning Board and Class VI Roads.

**Tables** – Ocean State Job Lots are having a sale on folding tables. The cost is \$35/table with the senior discount and Bernie will go and check them out. Moving forward in order to keep track of what gets borrowed we will need to sign out the tables. The Board asked Sally and Herbie to have Scott look at the existing tables to see what their integrity was and to get rid of any and all that are no longer usable.

**4:35 pm – Closed Session – Legal and Personnel** – As per RSA 91-3:II (e) the Board voted to go into closed session at 4:35 pm. The Board voted to come out of closed session and seal the minutes at 5:35pm

**The Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Herbie Bartlett, Executive Secretary