

**MINUTES
FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

Monday, March 2, 2015

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 2:00 pm on Monday March 2, 2015 at the Franconia Town Hall. Regular members in attendance were Ted Hoyle, John Lachapelle, Bob Montagno, Sally Small and Suzy MacDonald

Guests of the Board - WMS Civics Class, Mittersill Resorts, MACO Representatives, Jim Fitzpatrick, Scott Leslie, Chief John Monaghan,

SELECTMEN'S TIME:

BOS Minutes 02/23/2015: Formal readings of the February 23, 2015 BOS meeting minutes were waived. The minutes of February 23, 2015 were approved.

FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:

Transaction List for 03/5/2015- The Board reviewed and signed the transaction list for 03/5/2015.

Abatements for Mellin & Palmer - Abatements for Mellin and for Palmer were reviewed and signed by the Select Board.

APPOINTMENTS:

2:00 - WMS Civics Class - Introductions were made. The Select Board reviewed what their role is with regards to Town Government. The Select Board mentioned shared resources in the future may be an option for the area towns. The WMS students had heard this idea when they visited Bethlehem. It was termed regionalization was discussed when the students met with Jeff Woodburn. The Select Board discussed how mutual aid works in the area. The question was asked of the Board how decisions are made. That was then discussed. Major issues are brought to the Select Boards attention usually by the Department Head. Day to day operations are taken care of at the department level. Discussed how the CIP program works. The budget process was discussed. Discussed how the articles are placed on the Warrant.

3:00 - Mittersill Plowing Issue - Scott Leslie, Chief John Monaghan, Marcia Graham -Pete and Mary Stevens, Ken King, Lois Bejoile, Randy Heath, Introductions were made and the Select Board stated that we need to address the parking and plowing issues that are happening at Mittersill.

Plowing is creating problems for all. This has become a big public safety problem. This group needs a plan of attack to deal with this. Scott Leslie voiced concerns that he has with parking around the Inn as well as on the roads throughout Mittersill. When the Inn is full it makes it very narrow down thru there. Lois reminds all that the condos are private and have nothing to do with the resort. Randy Heath does all of the plowing for the resort. Mittersill Resorts owns the Inn and only one of the Chalets. All the roads are town roads. Lois requires passes in the vehicles of all guests of the Inn. The Police Chief or the Officers can go and talk with some of these private owners.

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This year it has been easier to plow the road and not bring it down to bare pavement. Randy will do some additional plowing around the Inn and try to push snow banks back further. . Chief Monaghan will work on what can be done about people not parking properly. Deere pass residents have renter at the top on the right which can have up to seven cars on a weekend. Road signs do not seem to be helping. Chief John will talk with some homeowners and ask them to speak with the guests. Ken King does a lot of plowing privately up at Mittersill for homeowners. Maybe further parking signs are needed. PD can ticket for winter parking violations. The Town will work on getting some more winter parking ban signs.

Marcia Graham, as the President of MACO will draft a letter for the Select Board and the Chief of Police to review prior to being sent to all of the residents. A second letter will be sent out in the fall of 2015 as a reminder. Speeding cars are also becoming an issue which will be included in this letter. 20MPH is now the posted speed. Maybe more signs are needed which the Road Agent can work on getting.

3:45 Chief John Monaghan was asked to discuss the security of Town Hall. In general the Select Board would like to just think of how improvements could be made. The set up in the Town Clerks side is not a bad setup. Panic button is a possibility. It would go to 911 or dispatch and tone the PD immediately. Another possibility is to extend the counter. John Lachapelle will speak with Allen to for other options.

Original documents for the Public Safety Building will be kept at the Police Department. This is due to the Police Department being staffed regularly.

The Select Board entered into non public session according to NH RSA 91- 3:2A at 3:47. The Select Board returned to public sessions at 4:05 pm.

3:40 pm - Fitz - Letter of Intent for Solar Review of the Public Safety Building was signed.

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| TO DISCUSS/REVIEW: |
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Letter from Walter Palmer regarding Delinquent Taxes/Abatement - Reviewed and signed.

Letter from Doug Mellin regarding Delinquent Taxes/Abatement - Reviewed and signed.

Do we have a schedule for Ballot Clerks? Yes Sally reviewed the schedule. Sally will also be creating the Ballot.

Sally and Paul need to talk with the SB about the Audit plans. Do after town meeting.

Why don't we take the money account and use toward a new highway garage.

Legal expendable trust was discussed.

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Selectman Lachapelle adjourned the public meeting at 4:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne MacDonald, Executive Secretary

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