

**MINUTES**  
**FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**  
**Monday, March 28, 2016**

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 3:00 pm on Monday, March 28, 2016 at the Franconia Town Hall. Regular members in attendance were Bernie Costa, Eric Meth, John Lachapelle, and Sally Small.

Guests of the Board: Trevor & Thad Presby, Greg Wells, Marcia Graham, Ray Peltier, Richard McLachlin and Peter Grote

Others in attendance: Mary Grote, Dawn Steele, Karen Foss & Jim Alden

**SELECTMEN'S TIME:**

**BOS Minutes 3/14/2016:** A formal reading of the March 21, 2016 minutes was waived and the minutes were approved as amended.

**FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:**

**Transaction Lists – 3/31/2016 & 4/1/16 (Retroactive Payroll)– Approved and signed by the Board  
Intent to Cut – Otorowksi - Map 1/Lot 1 & Map 9/Lot 1-Approved and signed by the Board**

**Application for Tax Exemption (BTLA Form A-9) –** The applications from both the Franconia Community Church of Christ and Our Lady of the Snows were approved.

**Appointments – Library (Sharon Penney) & Conservation Commission (Red & Kathy McCarthy)** the appointments were approved and signed by the board.

**Dow Field Request-** The board reviewed and signed the request from Angela Figallo & Kevin McShane to have their wedding party on the Dow in August.

**Cards –** The board signed get well cards for two employees.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**3:00 – Open Time – Thad Presby** met briefly with the board to discuss the NH Municipal Technical Assistance Grant Program that the Planning Board and Conservation Commission have been working on with the North Country Council for a grant to help fund a project to explore potential zoning changes to steer development in Franconia towards the downtown area, and to encourage additional residential development and business growth in Franconia's downtown area. The deadline for the grant is April 4<sup>th</sup>.

The grant requires a 25% match from the Town and Thad was asking if the Conservation Commission money could be used for the match but the Board informed him that it could not. Sally said that the Planning Board could use their money if they felt they could find it in the budget. The money won't be needed unless we receive the grant.

**Article 21 –** John questioned what the board was planning to do with the Article 21 that had been tabled at Town Meeting. Bernie explained that the Board was going to develop a policy regarding the Charitable Contributions.

**3:15 – Trevor Presby & Greg Wells– Burning at the Transfer Station-** Trevor met to discuss the problem they have had with ash and embers falling on their trucks when the Town burns brush at the Transfer Station. Greg explained that the Town has burned brush at the Transfer Station for over 17 years without a problem. Trevor said they weren't trying to shut down the burning but that we needed to come up with a solution that would keep him from having to wash all the trucks every time the town burns. After discussing the issue it was agreed to have Greg start by only burning on a day when it is raining in hopes that the rain would keep the ash down.

**3:45 – Water Commissions – Public Safety Building Water Issues-** Marcia Graham, Ray Peltier, and Richard McLachlin met to discuss relocating the existing waterline that feeds the Public Safety Building. The present line comes across from Plantation Road using the old waterline that has had many repairs. The Water Commissioners would like to put in a new line that would be further north on Route 18 and would tie directly into the Town's new waterline. The Commissioners were asking the Town to help pay the cost to relocate the line which would entail drilling under the road and installing an 8" line. The Board asked them to proceed with getting quotes and bring them back to the Board for further discussion.

The issue of brown water and the water pressure in the Public Safety Building was also discussed. The discoloration is mostly due to the fact that the water isn't used on a regular basis and it lies stagnant in the pipes. The water pressure is 58PSI on the outside and only 38PSI because the size of the piping that was installed in the new building.

Dawn Steele pointed out that there is no water filter in the building. Sediment may enter the building resulting in complaints of "brown water" and could potentially cause issues with the radiant heating system. She showed the Board and Commissioners what had happen to her circulators even with a water filter installed.

The Board questioned what impact the proposed Northern Pass route would have on the Water Department if the line were to go down Main Street. Depending on the route they might need to get an 8" line across the road. Peter Grote asked for a map showing the waterlines that would have to be relocated.

**4:15 – Closed Session – Legal Action –** As per RSA 91-3:II(e) the Board voted to go into closed session. At 4:33pm the Board voted to come out of closed session and seal the minutes.

<b>TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:</b>
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**PAYT Bags – Greg Wells –** Greg discussed his concern that with the increase in the price of the bags as of May 1<sup>st</sup>, it might be a hardship for the Village Store, Hardware Store and Harmon's to pay Cash on Delivery each time they buy a case of bags. After discussing whether or not to change the discount percentage it was decide to not change the percentage but to let them have Net 30 days rather that COD. The price of the bags will be \$1.50 for the small or \$15.00 per roll and \$2.20 for the large or \$22.00 per roll.

**Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District Representative-**Currently Greg is the representative and Jane Higgins is the alternate but Greg would rather not be a member. Sally explained that Jennifer Gaudette had reached out to Jane Higgins to see if she was still interested but that Jennifer had not heard back from

Jane. The Board agreed to wait until we know whether or not Jane intends on remaining a member and if so she could be the regular member for the Tri-town.

**Trustee of the Trust Funds**– The board gladly accepted Karen Foss’s offer to be appointed as a Trustee of the Trust Fund. The Board will formally appoint her at the April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting. John Lachapelle had talked to Sue Jessen but she wasn’t interested, however, her husband Mogens was and requested Carol Walker’s contact information so he could talk to her. Sally was asked to send Mogens the information.

**Committees**- The Board discussed the three committees they wanted to establish and possible members. In regards to the MRI report, for the record, the present Board had not seen the full report until March 16<sup>th</sup>. Below is a list of the committees and the known members.

**Town Hall Staffing**

John Lachapelle  
Jim Alden

**Salary, Wages & Benefits**

Dawn Steele

**Audit Review**

Peter Grote

**Selectmen Vacations** – Eric will not be at the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting and Bernie will be away April 25<sup>th</sup>.

**North Hampton Blasting Regulations** – The discussion as to whether or not the Board should have the Planning Board review the regulations that have been adopted by the Town of North Hampton was tabled until the next meeting.

**ITEMS TO REVISIT:**

**List of items to be revisited** – The board reviewed the old list and removed the items that were no longer relevant. Sally will provide the board with the new list on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

**There may be a possibility of a closed session meeting.**

**The Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:15pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sally L. Small  
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