

**FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 8, 2017**

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 4:06 pm on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at the Franconia Town Hall. Regular members in attendance were Bernie Costa, Eric Meth, John Lachapelle, Holly Burbank and Herbie Bartlett.

Guests of the Board: Beth Horan, Andy Smith, Kim Cowles

Other Guests: Ron Baillargeon, Mary Grote, Karen Foss, Peter Grote

BOS Minutes for 2/21/17: A formal reading of the minutes was waived and the minutes were approved as amended.

FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:

BOS Minutes 2/21/17 - approved by the Board with amendments.
Transaction List - 2/16/2017 - Reviewed and signed by the Board on 3/6/17.

APPOINTMENTS:

4:00 - Beth Horan & Andy Smith re: Connors/Neeson Current Use - Andy was looking for the clarification of the process. He said he had gone over this with Sally.

Holly stated that Sally had spoken with Dave at Avitar. This can happen without any land use transfer tax if they have this in by April 15th. You will have to update the maps and define the areas that are to be in current in use and what is not. Gardner Kellogg had spoken with the Neesons and the Connors in depth.

There is a jog at the bottom of the parcel which the Planning Board will have to discuss. The application will need to be in by April 15th and everything must be in compliance so that it will pass.

4:30 - Kim Cowles - Frost Place Roof - Bids have been reviewed and the Board thinks that C.S. Dunn had the best bid. Kim will ask if he can have it done by the deadline. The Frost Place would like the work done by May 15th. We also need a heads up if they discover anything extra.

Lawrence Property - Easement -signed by Bernie. ACT will have to go thru the Heritage Foundation to ensure that there are no artifacts.

Memorial Forest this side of Copper Cannon Camp. Dee Crawford wanted to donate to ACT and the Town would be the easement holder. It would be in memory of her sister. It is in the works. It has been a long time coming.

Lions Club - will be here on April 6th between 3-6pm.

NH Department of Safety - Communication for safety services that will not be accessible to the public. Holly will make sure the Chief & Mark Taylor is aware of this.

FOR DISCUSSION:

Conservation Commission Appointment - reviewed and a signed by the Board. Mark Ober & Megan McArthey McPhaul was appointed.

Solar Warrant Article - should contact the people who did the article by petition and suggest they make an amendment. It should exclude having this exemption apply for commercial income or any type of income. The Energy Commission has looked at it. They take the position to support this. We were not sure what amount of revenue we would lose.

Air BnB's - We will schedule a meeting with Rick Gaudette, Allan Clark and John Monaghan.

Administrator Job Description - tabled.

Town Administrator Update - The Town Report is available. It will be at the town meeting. A stack was taken to the Village Store.

Holly is interested in some classes coming up: March 16th Conducting Internal investigations, March 22nd managing, April 12th Benefits of Administration. Department heads may go to these classes as well. Also there is a class for Welfare Training.

Holly wants a private space to conduct personnel issues. She has asked Rick Gaudette to do a sketch to see how we could lay out the office. Kim, Corey and Scott could work up an estimate of costs and then do the work. There is money in the Town building fund. Holly also wants to get pricing to upgrade our phone system to have two lines. She will bring it back to the board once she has it.

Transfer Station - Eric Meth - spoke to the North Country Council in regards to physical suggestions in regards to the Transfer Station.

Buildings and Highway Garage - Holly will get Scott to give her a list of vehicles and equipment space requirements.

Building Permit - Allan Clark - C. Luke Lore - Notes in regards to the rear motel units was read by Bernie. Signed and approved by the Board. Eric will hand deliver to Cornelia Lorentzen.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cisterns & Fire Ponds 03/28/16
Tri-Town Recreation Agreement
FD Generator in Trailer
Updating Pole License Agreement
F150 vs F550 (Highway)
Purchasing & Bidding Policies

PUBLIC INPUT

Peter Grote - He is concerned about the minutes on February 13th about defending ourselves. Holly requested that he email the changes to her. We do not have the minutes in front of us so we could not make changes. The Board will have the minutes for the next meeting.

Ron Baillargeon - having a hard time hearing what is being said in the hall. He would like to hear more.

Mary Grote - She thinks that next year we should have audio/video of the town meetings and post on the web.

Karen Foss- has suggestions for minute changes as well. She will email them to Holly.

Eric made a motion to go into closed session for personnel issues at 6:01 pm, John seconded the motion with all voting in favor.

The Board adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbie Bartlett
Executive Secretary