

**MINUTES  
FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

**Monday, May 13, 2013**

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 3:00 pm on Monday, May 13, 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- Paul Schmucker

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

<b>SELECTMEN'S TIME:</b>
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**BOS Minutes 5/06/2013:** Formal readings of the May 6, 2013 BOS meeting minutes were waived. The minutes of May 6, 2013 were approved.

<b>FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:</b>
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**Transaction List for 5/16/13** - The Board reviewed and signed the checks and transaction list for 5/16/13.

**Town Meeting Warrant** – The Board reviewed and signed (John Lachapelle & Ted Hoyle) the Town Meeting Warrant from March 2013.

**Tax Anticipation Note** – The Board reviewed and signed the Tax Anticipation Note from Woodsville Guaranty Bank.

<b>APPOINTMENTS:</b>
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**3:00 – Paul Schmucker** – Paul met with Tom Andross from the Grafton County Dispatcher Office. Paul wanted to review the number of transports and the number of calls for assists.

Paul shows 10 calls to Easton, 150 calls to Franconia, 1 call to Lincoln, 1 call to Littleton, 23 calls to Sugar Hill and 6 unknown calls for a total of 191. Twin State only logs the calls that go thru the 911 system.

As far as the 19 call listed as no response, Paul has been able to pinpoint them between the hours of 9am and 3pm. Most took place on a Tuesday and four of them were in August. Six calls actually had no response and had to call for mutual aid. Two calls were in Lincoln and 10 of the calls someone from the Life Squad responded without the ambulance. Twin State logs responses only when the ambulance signs on. It is logged when a life squad member shows in his own vehicle but not logged in the same as when the ambulance is dispatched.

Paul tried unsuccessfully to obtain state call statistics as medical calls are listed as private.

**4:00 – Trip to Transfer Station** – The Select Board members went to the Tri Town Transfer Station to meet with the Select Boards from Easton and Sugar Hill.

**5:00 – Bickford Hill Road Sign Meeting** – (Present – Franconia and Sugar Hill Select Boards, Chief Monaghan and Chief Wentworth, Road Agents Doug Glover and Scott Leslie, and 6 residents from Franconia and 1 resident from Sugar Hill.)

Both the Town of Franconia and the Town of Sugar Hill are holding this Public Hearing to restrict the thru truck traffic on Bickford Hill Road to under 26,000 pounds. Red McCarthy spoke from the point of a road engineer for the Town of Sugar Hill. He listed several safety factors. Several other issues from a public safety standpoint and wear and tear on the unpaved road were discussed.

Franconia Select Board has voted unanimously to post Bickford Hill Road with “No thru Trucks” as soon as possible. RSA 231:191 is cited. The Police Chiefs and Road Agents from Franconia and Sugar Hill will coordinate this.

A Town Ordinance will be discussed further. The Police Chief also has the jurisdiction to write tickets to violators of this RSA. Franconia and Sugar Hill will work together to have the same ordinance since this road effects both towns.

<b>TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:</b>
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**P & R Status** was reviewed and the Board was updated by Ted Hoyle.

**Bob Montagno will be** meeting with a representative from Provan & Lorber to discuss the Town Hall steps and flat roofs.

**The duties of our Building Inspector, Allen Clark** were reviewed. Sally discussed the places he had visited.

**Letter from Avitar & Jae Whitelaw Re: Fairpoint** was reviewed.

**DRA Equalization meeting 5/21/2013 6-8 pm**

<b>FOR YOUR INFORMATION:</b>
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**ZBA Public Hearing 5/8/2013 - 6pm (Postponed) – 5/22/2013**

**Open House at The Spa (Mt. Washington Hotel)**

Selectman Hoyle adjourned the meeting at 5:11 pm

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne MacDonald, Executive Secretary