

**MINUTES  
FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
Monday, May 23, 2016**

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 3:00 pm on Monday, May 23, 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: Scott Leslie, Jeff Phillips

Other Guests: Peter Grote, Mary Grote, Dawn Steele, Karen Foss, Tinalynn Caisse- Knox, Lydia Cumbee.

**SELECTMEN'S TIME:**

**BOS Minutes 5/16/2016:** A formal reading of the May 16, 2016 minutes was waived and the minutes were approved as amended.

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

**FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:**

**Transaction Lists – 5/16/16 - Approved and signed by the Board  
2016 1<sup>st</sup> Issue Property Tax Warrant – Signed by the Board  
Land Use Change Tax Warrant & Bill – Signed by the Board**

**Bureau of Trails Grant (Bernie)** – The Conservation Commission and Recreation Committee has applied for a grant whose purpose is to allow handicapped access along the Gale River trail that starts in the Fox Hill Park. They plan to put in ledge pack so that wheel chairs can get thru. It is an 80/20 grant. The Town's 20% can be "in kind" such as doing the work. Grant has to be sent by June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Eric made a motion to support and apply for the grant, John seconded the motion with all voting in favor. The chairman signed the application.**

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**3:00 – Jeff Phillips – Exit interview** – Jeff explained why he had resigned his position. We wished Jeff all the best in his new job venture and thanked him for his 16 years of service to the town.

**3:30 – Open Time** – Scott Leslie wanted to know if Dawn Steele, and everyone who lives at Forest Hills, was happy with the work he did at Forest Hills repairing the emergency entrance during the flooding of Plantation Road. Dawn Steele said that everyone here at the meeting is happy and they thought Scott had done a good job.

**3:45 Wage, Salary & Benefits Committee** – Dawn recommended that we have a closed session because of sensitive information is being discussed. This would fall under RSA 91A:3. The Board went into closed session.

**TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:**

**Highway Garage Doors** – In preparation for making the decision about how many garage doors to fix at the Highway Garage, Bernie distributed the pertinent section of the Infrastructure Report for the Board's reading pleasure.

**Franconia Village Economic Group** – Kevin Johnson wants to start a group in town to promote business. Does the Select Board want to be involved? Bernie had worked with a group to implement the Charrette previously done by Plan NH. We did get a history walk and the river trail out of that. This group is dormant and if he wants to do something he may. We are very busy and we cannot be of any help at this time but to wish you well Kevin. If you come up with something concrete that the Board can help with, please notify the board. Herbie will write a letter to Kevin.

**Heritage Museum – Lease agreement** - We have not heard anything back from the Trustees. We can table until we hear from them. Why are they doing this now? Ask Kay those questions.

**Public Safety Services Building Water Line** – There is an easement in Dean & Connie Wright's deed, a previous land owner. Bernie will review and report back to the Board.

**Role of Cemetery Trustees** – The Trustees are coming in next Tuesday. Sally will email the new Knowing the Territory in an email to Laura regarding the maintaining and operating of the Cemetery. Page 45 of the Knowing the Territory regarding RSA 41:9

**Request for Donation** – A new form for Requests for Donations was drafted by Lydia Cumbee. After reviewing the board made a motion to request all Non-profits who are asking for a donation from the town to fill out the request.

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

We will discuss at next week's meeting if it will be by a warrant article by petition or just a letter to be sent in.

**For your information - Chamber of Commerce Letters re: Northern Pass** – A letter was submitted by the Chamber of Commerce and the town has it on record that the majority of the Chamber does not support Northern Pass as it stands right now. The Select Board is satisfied with this letter.

**Dig Safe** – We are a part of Dig Safe.

**NH MTAG – Signing authority** – We will need to see the contract. Sally will get a copy. This is will be a training and signing ceremony.

**3:45 pm – Closed Session – Legal and Personnel** – As per RSA 91-3:II (e) the Board voted to go into closed session. At 4:15 pm the Board voted to come out of closed session and seal the minutes.

**4:35 pm – Closed Session – Legal and Personnel** – As per RSA 91-3:II (e) the Board voted to go into closed session. At 5:05 pm the Board voted to come out of closed session and seal the minutes.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Herbie Bartlett, Executive Secretary