

**MINUTES  
FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

**Monday, May 27, 2014**

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 3:00 pm on Monday May 27, 2014 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 – Peter Minch, Carmen Menard & Mary Cote. Peter Holden, Bill Rossignol, Scott Leslie and Kim Cowles.

John Lachapelle called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

<b>SELECTMEN'S TIME:</b>
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**BOS Minutes 5/12/2014 & 5/19/2014:** Formal readings of the May 12, 2014 and May 19, 2014 BOS meeting minutes were waived. The minutes of May 12, 2014 and May 19, 2014 were approved.

<b>FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:</b>
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**Transaction List for 5/29/14** - The Board reviewed and signed the transaction list for 5/29/14.

**Property Tax Levy** was reviewed and signed by the Select Board.

**PA for Property Tax Credit – O'Neil – 192 Fox Glove Lane** – Was reviewed and signed by the Select Board.

**NHDOT Driveway Permit – Safety Services Building** – Was reviewed and signed by the Select Board.

**Shoreland Protection Permit – Safety Services Building** – Was reviewed and signed by the Select Board.

**Septic Design – Safety Services Building** – Was reviewed and signed by the Select Board.

**Intent to Cut – Map 11/Lots 6&8 (Magnuson the Moog)** – Was reviewed and signed by the Select Board.

**Building Permit – Clarke ( Map 14/Lot 30-4) Replace Existing Deck** – Must go to Allan Clark first for review.

**Building Permit – Cantlon & Steele (Map 15/Lot 19-3) Renovate Existing Barn** – Must go to Allan Clark first for review.

<b>APPOINTMENTS:</b>
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**3:00 – Peter Minch, Carmen Menard & Mary Cote – Passumpsic Savings Bank** – Peter presented the Select Board with the loan paperwork for \$1.7 Million for the Safety Services Building. If any money is borrowed, the first payment will be due on June 28, 2014. The next payment will be due in January 2015.

Carmen and Mary discussed retail banking with us. Passumpsic would like to do a comparative analysis for us at no cost. They would like to look at all of our accounts from our operating account to our capital reserves fund to our trust funds. They will need 2 months worth of statements. Once the analysis is complete Carmen and Mary will come back to discuss. They will do apples to apples comparison.

Peter discussed the history of the Bank.

The Select Board will discuss this and get back to Carmen.

**3:30 – Peter Holden, Bill Rossignol, Scott Leslie and Kim Cowles – SRTS** – Peter Holden handed out an agenda for today's meeting. Holden Engineering discussed the meeting they had with NHDOT. The project will not be done this year. According to Peter there is no funding for this project right now. Federal money could become available later this fall.

Sally will need to see if the Warrant Article placed on this years warrant can be used again next year. John Lachapelle will send the Town's Attorney a copy of the warrant article for her review.

The project will not go out to bid until we know if there is funding available and we have the money.

The easement paperwork was reviewed and the format was discussed. Sally should check the format with the Grafton County Registry of Deeds. Sally will need to let William Rose know what we are using for an easement. All paperwork will come thru Scott Leslie who has taken the class and the training.

Holden Engineering will attend the next Select Board meeting on June 9, 2014 for a progress check. The progress report must be sent to the DOT and the Town at the same time.

The project estimate as written by Holden Engineering was discussed and Sally will look to see how much money has been received by the State of NH.

**4:15 – Scott Leslie** – Scott has received bids for paving of some roads and would like to use Pike Industries. John Lachapelle has signed the proposal.

Scott will need to purchase 4 new tires for the grader from the heavy equipment fund.

Scott is getting bids for Harvard and Academy Street sidewalks.

Jeff Phillips should flip the solar screens in the offices and should put in the air conditioner.

Ideas are being sought for sprucing up the outdoor restroom. Jeff will put together a list of specific issues. Is it handicapped accessibly?

<b>TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:</b>
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**Septic Permit – Simmons – Map 16/Lot 1-8 Balancing Rock Road Ext** – A Septic Permit for Simmons, Map 16/Lot 1-8 Balancing Rock Road Ext was reviewed and will be sent to the State of NH for their approval.

**Transfer amount from NHPDIP to new account for Safety Services Building** – A request to transfer money into the new account for the Safety Services Building was discussed. The dollar amount to be transferred will come from a recommendation of the Safety Services Building Committee.

**Front Step timeline** – The front step construction will be starting the first week of June. Signs will be used to reroute people to the handicapped entrance.

**Request for Abatement – Fine** – Most of the amount to be abated for Fine would be accrued interest. Marilyn Knowlton could ask the Select Board to have a portion or all of the finance charges abated.

**Culvert on Wells Road – Tucker Brook** – Bob Montagno has been in touch with the State of NH. He has been sent a list of approved contractors. He will continue to work on this.

<b>FOR YOUR INFORMATION:</b>
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**Letter from Sharon Penney regarding Water Department**

**ZBA Public Meeting – 5/14/2014 Elizabeth Andrews**

**Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant Program paperwork has been sent**

Selectman Lachapelle adjourned the meeting at 4:58 pm

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne MacDonald, Executive Secretary