

## FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

Monday, November 2, 2015

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 3:00 pm on Monday, November 2, 2015 at the Franconia Town Hall. Regular members in attendance were Bob Montagno, Eric Meth, Bernie Costa, Sally Small and Herbie Bartlett.

Also attending – Peter Grote, Mary Grote

<b>SELECTMEN'S TIME:</b>
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**BOS Minutes 10/26/15:** Formal reading of the October 26, 2015 BOS meeting minutes were waived. The minutes for October 26, 2015 were approved with the following corrections made:

The corrections are to be listed for the public to see.

Page 1 – Dinny Richmond – add **Regarding Library Foundation Repair Project.**

Page 1- **The Town is** putting in \$5K for construction and **the Library Board** will pay the balance and the **architect fee.**

Page 1 – We do not have to do a site plan review. Remove - **We would have to do a drawing then we would have to pay for it.**

Page 2 – Eighth – They need to explain the last sentence of section 4.10 or delete it with the exception **of** unacceptable performance.

Page 2 – We will email Laura Spector once Sally hears from Dinny **regarding** these items.

Page 2 – Chris Harris – Remove – **It is good insurance 2013 or 2016.**

Page 2 – No **need to rush** for EMT to pay \$50 a year account.

Page 2 – Start a new paragraph beginning with **Tri-Tech Software – IMC.**

Page 2 – Police stuff **is** backed up over here on an encrypted system in the vault.

Page 2 - They are using Fairpoint. Remove – **and are paying \$50/year per user.**

Page 2 – Mark Taylor – **Gave** us an update on the paramedic issues.

Page 2 – Chief Merieri **of Littleton Fire Department** is trying to fill spaces at the Fire Department.....**He has no** interest in becoming a regional carrier.

Page 2 – They are looking for younger **people fire/EMS – working for fire EMT or fire/paramedics.**

Page 2 – Mark met with all department heads **of the surrounding area. This is why our long term goal is this. They have an understanding on how it works.**

Page 3 – Chief Anderson will come over and help and Mark helps with his calls. **Mark stated that there is nothing the Select Board needs to do.**

Page 3 – Mark has an inventory of broken radios and pagers – about a dozen in all with some damaged or obsolete

Page 3 – Do we leave it up to them or do we suggest the flag and the cornstalks be removed? **What did we decide? Move cornstalks and flag. Sally will write a letter.**

Page 3 Trees that need to be trimmed....**Eric chose to spearhead this issue.**

Page 3 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Q Budget Meetings – Add **A department head and staff meeting need to be held and so we will do all at one time on November 9. Budgets will be reviewed.**

Page 3 – Transfer Station Personnel – Nate has handed in a two week notice. **He will be working for Wills Electric. Greg would like to bump Core Rush up to full time with benefits and pay him a little more. It is not as much as Nate but a dollar more than he is getting now.**

Page 4 - Northern Pass – November 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm at the Town Hall for Residents & Tax **Payers.**

Page 4 – Sally’s Retirement – Bob went to North Country Council – Delete ...**he called them and...**then add **They** use Municipal Resources Incorporated. That company was used when we got Marie as tax collector. Then delete **Existing structure is that the best way to do it. What are other towns doing? See how things are structured. Then take another step. What is the pay rate for that job? What is the wage rate for these positions?** It would cost \$2,000 to do this. We could have them come and talk to us for free. **The Board decided to** invite them.

Bernie made a motion to accept the minutes, Bob seconded and all voted to accept as amended.

<b>FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:</b>
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**Transaction List for 11/5/15 – Approved and signed by the Board.**

**Building Permit – Andrews – M13/L30 (Garage).**

**Building Permit – Mittersill Resort – M28/L1 (Lobby Handicap Ramp & Stairs)**

<b>APPOINTMENTS:</b>
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**3:00 – Phone Conference - Alan Gould with Municipal Resources, Inc –** What can he do for us? He will assess the situation at the town offices. He will bill on an hourly basis not to exceed a certain amount. He will be able to do this and give us a proposal in about two weeks. He will do a one day site visit and then write a report.

**3:30 – Ken Mosedale – Meadow Crest Drive –** Red McCarthy said that the only thing he had left was the paving of the apron. We have a copy of the driveway permit from the State of NH . Paving will be done in the next two weeks. Ken Mosedale will deed the road over to the town.

<b>TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:</b>
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**Septic Design – Tiffany Map 15/Lot 15 Bickford Hill Road - Replacement**

**Septic Design – 383 Main Street (Peabody & Smith) – M14/L146 – Replacement**

**Septic Design – Fox Hill Lane Trailer Park – M14/L43 – Replacement**

**NP SEC Intervener –** Bernie Waugh will keep us up to date. Sugar Hill will use him. Not sure how much it will cost. Sally will speak to Margo Connors. Our job is to run the town. Maybe set up a town committee because this will be a major project. On November 18<sup>th</sup> we will get the resident’s concerns and then come back and discuss our course of action.

**Library Contract – Response from the Architect** – Nothing has been sent to Laura Spector for review as of yet. Bill Mellekas came in with answers that Dinny Richmond was going to get clarified. Sally will send the clarification of the contract to Laura and she can give us the wording we are requesting for 4.3. We will meet with the Library once we have a response from Laura.

**Dow Clock Court Case** – Court Case is tomorrow.

**Proposed Building Permit Application** – Bob rewrote the Building Permit. Corrections were made. Applicants will fill out as much information as they can. There will be a section that Allan Clark will fill out and do his calculations. All will be reviewed by Allan. All inspections will get paid at one time. When additional inspections have to be done a form will need to be filled out. Bob will draft up this form. Bob wants the fee schedule updated.

**Painting to the Town Hall** – How hard it is to get contractors around here? We should make a decision now rather than later. Bob told Scott to get together with Jeff and discuss what they want for paint. We need to line it up for this spring.

**Franconia Sports Shop** – There is no building permit on file. Mike Ford is the owner of the property. He will need to put a building permit in. Any improvements need a building permit and then the assessor will assess for tax purposes.

**Winter Burn Permits** – Rick Gaudette would like to come in on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Sally will advertise the hearing to review the burning ordinance and make changes to it. The Selectmen can vote on it at that meeting.

We went into a closed session 4:35pm.

<b>ITEMS TO REVISIT</b>
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<b>FOR YOUR INFORMATION:</b>
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**North Country Council Newsletter, Announcement & Letter of Accomplishments**

**Tax Collector Conference Scholarship** – Carol went to conference and she won the scholarship for this conference. The State sent her fee back to us.

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

Bernie made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Eric seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbie Bartlett  
Executive Secretary