

## FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

Monday, November 30, 2015

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 3:05 pm on Monday, November 30, 2015 at the Franconia Town Hall. Regular members in attendance were Bob Montagno, Eric Meth, Bernie Costa, Sally Small and Herbie Bartlett.

Also attending – Allan Clark, Peter Grote, Mary Grote

### SELECTMEN'S TIME:

**BOS Minutes 12/3/15:** Formal readings of the November 23, 2015 BOS meeting minutes were waived. The minutes for November 23, 2015 were approved with the following corrections:

**November 23, 2015 corrections –**

**Page 2 - Architectural Contact – Use full name - Norman E. Larson**

**Page 3 – NHPR –NH Public Radio**

**Page 3 – Northern Pass – Manhole Covers is an issue...big issue is page 26 in the No private utility could bury under a state highway. Utility Accommodations Manual in regards to general highway standards – D2 page 26 – Private utilities are not permitted under state highways. Page 41 is dealing with manhole covers.**

**Page 3 – Chris Jensen – Strike the sentence in regards to land owners.**

**Last sentence...These were town roads that were turned over to the state.**

Peter said the most important interveners should be is. Get rid of the.. is. Issue...they are not paying enough taxes if they do get approved.

Page 4 – The SEC not DOE

Let Sally small notify the other towns about the ROW and manholes.

Kim Cowles – Changes to the Zoning **Ordinance**

Page 2 – John Monaghan – The training will take sixteen **weeks** not months.

**Page 4 – Options should be developed by the Planning Board and the Select board has to approve it. Once this is approved then Jeff will install.**

**Bernie made a motion to accept the minutes of November 23, 2015 and Bob seconded the motion and all voted to accept the minutes as amended.**

### FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:

**Transaction List for 12/3/15 – Approved and signed by the Board.**

**Building Permit – Graham- Map 23, Lot 23 – Carriage House Construction – approved and signed.**

**Current use application – Ted Hoyle (M21/Lot 11-6) approved and signed.**

### APPOINTMENTS:

**4:00 – Allan Clark – Closed Session**

**TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:**

**Mittersill Road Winter Policy** – As a follow up to last Springs meeting, the board asked Sally to schedule Scott Leslie, John Monaghan, Marcia Graham, Pete & Mary Stevens for next Monday to help come up with a plan to address the problems of parking on the roads in the winter time.

**Northern Pass SEC Intervener Letters** –

**We need to draft a letter to the SEC from the Select Board stating why the application is not complete.** We want to be technically correct and not lose credibility. Blasting is a concern in our area. Bernie has taken pictures where there are water crossings or ponds to be included. We will have a Committee draft a letter and submit to the Select Board for approval before it is submitted to the SEC. The utilities and their maintenance under the roads are a major concern. We know there are utilities buried in the center of the town and that Eversource was not aware of that fact. Since Lydia declined to serve on the committee we need another planning board member to serve so the Board asked Mary Grote to represent the Planning Board and she agreed. We will submit the letter by email and also certified mailing to Pamela G. Monroe, the Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) Administrator. Bernie will go to the SEC meeting on Monday 12/7/15 at the Public Utilities Commission which is located at 21 Fruit Street, Suite 10 in Concord.

**Used Copier** – Discussed the purchase of used copiers from Reinhold. Sally will look at them.

**Public Restrooms at Town Hall** – The Planning Board will present sign options to the Selectmen for approval and then the Select Board will have Jeff install them.

**Town Office Organization Chart** - Sally will adjust the chart and resubmit to the Board via email.

**Retirement (Non-Police)** – An increase in the retirement paid by the town from \$17 to \$20 per week for the fulltime employees was discussed and Sally shared minutes of the meeting back in 2008 when the amount was raised from \$15 to \$17. The Board would like to see what the budget implications would be and Sally will provide this at the next Board meeting.

**Employee Portion of Health Insurance** – Sally discussed with the board the possibility of capping the percentage the employees pay which is currently 30%. The question of what percentage the teachers paid was discussed. Sally will submit a list at the next meeting with examples of what the employees are currently paying weekly.

**Building Permit Application – Changes made and approved by Allan Clark and the Select Board.** Sally will have Kim pull the other applications from the website and this will be put up.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

**2014 Financial Audit - Information was handed out to the members.**

**Sen. Ayotte Office Hours**

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

Bernie made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Bob seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Herbie Bartlett, Executive Secretary