

**MINUTES
FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

Monday, October 5, 2015

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 3:02 pm on Monday, October 5, 2015 at the Franconia Town Hall. Regular members in attendance were Bob Montagno, Eric Meth, Bernie Costa and Herbie Bartlett.

Also attending – Bill Oliver

SELECTMEN’S TIME:

BOS Minutes 08/31/2015 & 9/28/15: Formal readings of the August 31, 2015 & September 28, 2015 BOS meeting minutes were waived. The minutes for August 31, 2015 & September 28, 2015 were not approved.

FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:

Transaction List for 10/8/15 – Approved and signed by the Board.
Appointment – Elizabeth Andrews – ZBA Alternate

APPOINTMENTS:

3:00 – Jeff Phillips, & Scott Leslie

To Do List – Wells Road Tucker Brook Bridge - The specs were given to Presby. Scott is awaiting a response. We will have to put money away to do this. We are putting \$5K away year. Scott will get a quote from Trevor. Highway block grant will be \$50K next year. We should get it done next year. It was a \$100K for the culvert with the beavers. The new slope up at Mittersill will have run off and may have more water coming down because of the new slope.

Flat roof leak – On October 2nd Jeff got a hold of the subcontractor. There was a pinhole where the seam and the patch were. One had a hole in it and Jeff put a tarp down and it stopped the water temporarily. Jeff showed the contractor and he caulked it. We have not had rain since then. If we have more issues Jeff is to call the subcontractor directly.

Railing – Jeff will meet with this contractor this week. He will report to the Selectmen when he has an answer.

Honor Roll – Museum looked into it and talked about it. To encase it, it will cause more problems. The sign has been that way since Jeff has been here. The museum wants to just leave

it as is. It shouldn't be out in the weather. Schedule the people from the Museum for next week. Sally will take a picture of the sign. We will try to figure out what wars they were in.

Remove loading platform – Scott can move it out of the way. There will be some issues with the vinyl. Scott doesn't think it attached to the building.

Town Hall Bldg trim, doors & windows painted - One person has responded. Jeff is meeting with him tomorrow.

Stop Ahead Stencil – negative comment that it is not big enough. They should be six foot stencils. Who does the school stenciling? The staff took cardboard and then spray painted it. Maybe we can put another stencil further back. Crosswalks takes three hours...if sprayed it would take a lot less time. We do the school too. Just call the police to direct traffic. We need to look into purchasing a sprayer to cut down on the time it takes to do this.

Letter to Dick Reinhold – When you replace a culvert do you need state permits or are they already in place? There are some wetlands there. Dick owns the property but people can go across that. We do not have to maintain the road. The State compensated owners when they put the road in, in case of the damage in the future. Dick was concerned about the slope and drainage. Bob wants to know why the Board is dealing with this. The previous Select Board stepped into this issue in 2012. We will write a letter and acknowledge the problem and give him a response. Dick was not consulted by the people doing the work. Not our realm of expertise. Bob is not advocating this. Hold off until Sally gets back. Make sure we are legally responsible.

Bathroom Sign – Inmates were painting the info booth and the chamber people were going to paint the post. Jeff will paint the post. He has made an arrow pointing towards the bathrooms.

Repairs for Trucks – International 2014 6 wheeler. Lights had problems it has cost \$2600. \$200 per hour. This truck should have had the warrantee bought for it. They also did an inspection. It had a broken spring which would have cost \$1800. Scott pulled the truck and took it to Berlin Spring is going to be replaced for \$300 and 400 installed. \$232 to change a mounting bracket is cracked. A warrantee would cost \$1000 for 5 years. We have warrantee on the engine.

The state changed inspection dates. They changed from March to September...so a double inspection year. The yellow six wheeler needed kingpins which costs \$500.

The grader has a fuel issue. Scott had to have a mechanic get it going.

Scott has been using expendable funds for the grader. We should have someone go thru it in the spring. The backhoe has issues when it is 20 – 30 below.

We showed the thank you letter to Scott from Principal Johnk in regards to the sidewalks.

Sidewalk past the cemetery needs to be trimmed.

Toad Hill graded and rolled and it came out good.

Wallace Hill Road - Entrance to the highway to the best western. Do we own that? Nothing gets done with it. The State may own that. Have Scott talk to the State about it.

TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:

Jim Cyr - May be back by the end of the month.

Allan Clarks roll – He was super upset the other day. He received a phone call at home from a complaining tenant. He should not be called after hours. He is listed in the phone book. He will quit if he has to deal with this.

Fire Chief Littleton – all life squad people to address the paramedic issues. No Selectmen will be involved. The meeting is Thursday. They are looking for a regional solution.

Laura – Taxes – Eric wanted to move in this direction for tax lien procedure. Do we want to do a collection action and do judgment liens? Which if any 2012 tax cases we are going to pursue. Repeat offenders go after them.

Bernie makes a motion the Select Board move forward at our lawyer’s recommendation that we pursue legal action against the tax payers who owe 2012 taxes for \$1000 or more and also include those tax payers who owe less than a \$1000 in 2012 but owe similar amounts for three or more years, Bob seconds with all voting in favor.

Page 65 of the Guideline book – Public meetings -we have to go by this on the 19th. No one speaks unless called upon. It becomes an expanded Select board when the public comment without being invited to do so. They have to request approval to speak. 19 October is the meeting with the Northern Pass.

Sign at Peabody & Smith - Someone on the planning board complained. There is a difference in the visibility at the intersection. We need to talk to Kim first. Remove or take the flag down. The interior light is a problem as well. The State recommendations in the road safety audit.

Town Organizational Chart – Reviewed and will discuss with Sally when she gets back. Have flow chart right and what is on the website – to match. Get a print out of what is on the website. There is a difference between a committee and a commission. We have no say over what these boards do. Table until Sally gets back.

Bob’s Review of the Library Proposal – We will want to speak with the Library Trustees. We have questions. Herbie will provide the contract to our attorney for review.

Clock hearing change – we can raise the issue about why he didn’t show up at the hearing.

New Building Permit Procedure – Bob rewrote the building permit procedures.

Hunt fees – table until Sally comes back.

Are homeowner installed culverts maintained by the state or the town?

ITEMS TO REVISIT

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

There May Be a Closed Session at the next meeting.

Bernie made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Eric seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Herbie Bartlett
Executive Secretary