

**MINUTES
FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

Monday, October 6, 2014

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 2:00 pm on Monday October 6, 2014 at the Franconia Town Hall. Regular members in attendance were John Lachapelle, Ted Hoyle, Bob Montagno, Suzy MacDonald and Sally Small

Guests of the Board: Steve Whitney & Kim Cowles

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

SELECTMEN'S TIME:

BOS Minutes 09/22/2014: Formal readings of the September 22, 2014 BOS meeting minutes were waived. The minutes of September 22, 2014 were approved.

FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:

Transaction List for 10/09/14 - The Board reviewed and signed the transaction list for 10/09/14.

Safety Services Building Project Transaction List for 10/09/14 – The Board reviewed and signed the transaction list for 10/09/14.

Request for Advance – Passumpsic Savings Bank – The Board reviewed and signed a Request for Advance from the Safety Services Building Loan at Passumpsic Savings Bank.

MS -5 – The Board reviewed and signed two copies of the MS -5.

Election Notices (2) – The Board reviewed and signed two copies of the Election Notice as requested by Marilyn Knowlton, Town Clerk.

Building Permit – Franstead Campground – Map 13/Lot 34 – The Board reviewed and signed a Building Permit for Franstead Campground – Map 13/Lot 34.

Change Order – The Board reviewed and signed two change orders for work at the Safety Services Building.

APPOINTMENTS:

3:00 – Steve Whitney – Candidate for Grafton County Commissioner – Steve Whitney, a Republican, is a Candidate for Grafton County Commissioner. He lives in Bath NH. He described what a County Commissioner does and gave many examples. Steve is now retired having worked at the Grafton County Jail for over 25 years. Steve has also run a youth diversion program in Grafton County. Steve feels communication is the key to success. He is always ready and willing to hear concerns regarding the County. There are three paid County Commissioners.

TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:

Meeting with Passumpsic Bank 10/27/2014 – A meeting with Passumpsic Bank is scheduled to take place during the regularly scheduled Select Board meeting at 5pm on October 27. The Select Board has invited Tina Peabody, Treasurer for the Town of Franconia, and the Trustees as well as the Library Trustees. Passumpsic Bank approached the Town and asked if they could complete a comparison of our current banking services. Woodsville Guaranty Bank and Connecticut River Bank will be asked if they would like to do a comparison of banking services.

Stove in Basement – Kim Cowles – Kim Cowles discussed the stove and various other items that could be put out for bid that are currently in the basement. Someone has expressed an interest in purchasing the stove. Kim has taken some photos and will explore the worth of it. All items will be sold “AS IS”. Kim will place a notice on the website of the items for sale. She will allow a couple of week’s response time and will discuss the results with the Select Board.

Kim has had a few people interested in filling the one empty slot on the Lafayette Recreation Committee. This slot is for a Franconia resident. The Select Board normally picks the representatives.

The next Department Head meeting will be on October 20th at 2pm. The 3rd Quarter Budgets will be reviewed at this meeting.

When the CIP meets on Tuesday October 7, 2014 they will look at increasing the amount put away yearly for Town Buildings.

It is possible the culvert on Wells Road may be added to CIP. The grant that we applied for was denied. The cost to fix is approximately \$180,000. Scott Leslie and Red McCarthy will be invited to speak with the Select Board to discuss interim measures to this area. The Town does have 30 days to appeal the grant decision if we want to go that route. This could also be a separate Warrant Article instead of including in the CIP.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

A meeting to discuss Fire Pond Easements will be held on October 9, 2014 at 6:00pm at the Town Hall in Franconia.

2013 Audit Draft

The Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday October 29, 2014.

Property Liability Trust Annual Meeting will be held on December 16, 2014.

Selectman Lachapelle adjourned the meeting at 4:17 pm

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne MacDonald, Executive Secretary