

**MINUTES  
FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

**Monday, September 10, 2012**

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 3:00 pm on Monday, September 10, 2012 at the Franconia Town Hall. Regular members in attendance were, John Lachapelle, Ted Hoyle, Rollie Barnaby, Sally Small, and Suzy MacDonald.

Guests of the Board- Kim Cowles, Rick Gaudette, Harvey Flanders, Barbara Ashley

Also: Ken Adler & Ron Homer ( Horse & Hounds)

John Lachapelle called the meeting to order at 2:45 pm.

**SELECTMEN'S TIME:**

**BOS Minutes 09/04/2012:** Formal readings of the September 4, 2012 BOS meeting minutes were waived. The minutes of September 4, 2012 we approved as written.

**FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:**

**Checks and Transaction List for 09/13/12** - The Board reviewed and signed the checks and transaction list for 09/13/12.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**2:45- Kim Cowles – Recreation Department** – The Select Board discussed with Kim the Safe Routes to School program. Kim explained the total cost of the program is \$210,000. The original grant of \$90k was increased to \$125k, however, the cost of the Engineering Study added an additional unfunded \$85k to the total cost. It is likely that the grant funding will simply lapse without the additional dollars. All of the work must be done to receive the grant money and currently there is a gap in funding. The route goes from the intersection at Mac's to the Lafayette School. Currently the Safe Routes to School program is at a stalemate.

The Select Board would like to see Kim on Monday, September 24, 2012 regarding the Town Website.

Discussed was an increase in wages for a Recreation Employee who worked several hours due to the extended day program. The recreation reacted to a survey that requested an extended day. The hourly workers were compensated for the hours worked and the salary employee was not. Next year this extra will be built into the budget. The Select Board agrees to pay this employee straight time for the extra number of hours worked caused by the extended day.

Kim expects an increase next year in the adventure program. There will be lots of changes coming in this program for 2013. If this program grows as expected, Kim will look into leasing a 15 passenger van and will need to hire two more counselors. The Select Board will expect that Kim attends both the Budget Hearing and the Town Meeting to answer questions.

Since the Community Garden has not been successful it will be turned back into lawn.

Kim has had the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class at Profile School helping her to build a bridge in Fox Hill Park.

Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank has donated \$250.00 to help with the replacing of the bridge at Spludes Place. (River Walk Trail)

**3:15 – Rick Gaudette/Harvey Flanders – Franconia Fire Department – Horse & Hound** - Rick and Harvey explained to Ken Adler and Ron Homer from the Horse & Hound why they had been shut down in the morning. The permit for assembly had expired on September 9, 2012 and was not re issued due to miscommunications with the State Fire Marshall Office. An assembly permit was issued contingent upon the State Fire Marshall recommendations that must be completed by November 30, 2012. This permit is only issued until November 30, 2012. There are two items that need to be addressed, the alarm system and a fire wall at the top of the stairs. Ken Adler does not feel that the violation notice was properly written or that it contained the proper legal information.

The owners of the Horse and Hound expressed their understanding of the two remaining conditions to be corrected by the deadline given by the State Fire Marshall's Office and stated their intention to fully comply.

In addition to the permit problem the wording on the Towns alarm letter was discussed. Rick and Harvey will review the current alarm letter. In addition to paperwork a new form is needed to close down an establishment.

**3:45 – Barbara Ashley – 2013 Lupine Festival** – The 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lupine Festival will take place in June of 2013, running the first 3 weeks. The first weekend in June, Lupine Festival will be focused in Franconia and the committee would like to have a parade. This will serve as notification of the intent to have a parade the first weekend of June 2013. The Select Board thinks this is a good idea.

<b>TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:</b>
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**Septic Design – Leslie Grima M12/L69 (Failed System)** –A Septic Design for Leslie Grima M12/L69 (Failed System) was reviewed and will be sent to the State of NH for approval.

**Review New Building Permits – (Draft)** – A newly drafted Building Permit was reviewed and some corrections were made to it. The Town of Franconia is moving in the direction of having a hired Building Inspector. The fees charged for a permit should more then cover the cost of an inspector. The Select Board has someone in mind and would like for that person to come in with a proposal. The Select Board would also like for the Planning Board to take a look at all of this. The Select Board wants to move forward in this area.

**Tina Peabody is working** with the Bank to change the number of signatures needed as signers on the checks.

<b>FOR YOUR INFORMATION:</b>
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**Energy Upgrade Correspondence**

**Boiler Inspection Failure – Town Building - RESOLVED**

**Rural Development Money**

Selectman Lachapelle adjourned the meeting at 3:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne MacDonald, Executive Secretary