

**MINUTES
FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

Monday, September 21, 2015

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 3:00 pm on Monday, September 21, 2015 at the Franconia Town Hall. Regular members in attendance were Eric Meth, Bernie Costa, Sally Small and Herbie Bartlett.

Also attending – Karen Foss, Linda Warden, Peter Grote, Dawn Steele

SELECTMEN’S TIME:

BOS Minutes 08/31/2015 & 9/14/15: Formal readings of the August 31, 2015 & September 14, 2015 BOS meeting minutes were waived. The minutes for September 14, 2015 were approved with the following corrections:

Take Bob out of the Closed session meeting verbage.

Quote Dick on page 2. Page 3 Red McCarthy’s name misspelled. It should be McCarthy.

Under the Sign at Peabody & Smith - We **have** a problem.

Change under Advisory committee.-----to read ----- Bob will share with **the Board his information regarding salaries.** Dawn Steele & Russ Cumbee **are** on the committee.

Bernie makes a motion to accept the minutes as amended, Eric seconded and all voted in favor to accept the minutes.

FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:

Transaction List for 09/24/15 – Approved and signed by the Board.

MS1 – To be signed by the Selectmen. Inventory evaluation for the town. Lists all properties, exempts, veterans credits etc, so we can get an evaluation for the town.

APPOINTMENTS:

3:00 – Linda Warden – The Lions Club has placed park benches in town. They want to donate the benches to the town as a gift. Linda said that the Lions Club had voted to fund up to \$1075 for benches and a kit to install. They are made of recycled plastic with stainless steel fasteners with a surface mount bracket and they are guaranteed for 15 years. Linda had spoken to Kim Cowles and she suggested installing the kits. The benches may need footings. Four or five removals and replace with the new. Please let the Lion’s Club know if the town is interested in accepting the gift of the benches. Lions would put two in. Linda spoke to both Kim Cowles & Jeff Phillips about them installing and they were ready to help.

Bernie made a motion to accept the benches as a gift from the Lion's Club and we will install and maintain them, Eric seconded with all voting in favor.

TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:

Scragg Mountain Road – Dick Reinhold – Looking thru paperwork. ROW that went over Dick's land that hooked up with the ROW from the State but the land was too wet. The State had to take a ROW back. Bernie, Eric & Sally went and looked at property. Sally went and looked at property. There is a ROW but is very wet in different places. The state settled on coming across Dicks land. It is not a town property. The state created the easement. Dick, Gretchen Bunker and another third party owned those parcels. The original documentation gave rights and easements which included: to construct and maintain the easements. It included who they awarded the amount to several land owners in the beginning. They were paid in the beginning. They were compensated for it. Any drainage and any damage had been paid for up front in the beginning. This was strictly between the state and the land owners. It has seasonal wetlands. The power lines on the right hand side. They should have let Dick know before they started the project. Dick thought we took action. We did not. They came in to the town to lay the lines back in 2012. Our lawyer Walter Mitchell at the time said they could do this. There is a survey from when they put the lines in. When they did the culvert work this tme they marked the culverts with flags. The town would have a blanket permit to do this type of work. You are supposed to file it each year for maintenance. If they were going to create all new drainage they would have to contact all property owners.

Tell Dick that it had been surveyed. The contractor was putting spoils on his property. They left old culverts that have now been removed. He thought they were changing the drainage direction. We can send a letter that it had been surveyed. There appears to be one small place he could report to DES for wetland. We can provide him with the documents that we found. This is really between him and Verizon.

1/1/5/16 - Birthday Party for the Hall – Private hire. Beer & Wine was not an issue. Our ordinance says no drinking in public places unless you have permission from the Selectmen. We charge \$100/day or \$50/half day. We will charge \$75 if we have to heat the hall. They would have to pay hourly for police if necessary. We can only have 110 people in the hall at anyone one time.

Jim Cyr – doing well on healing up.

STOP AHEAD – Stencil on the bridge has been done by Scott. We do not have a sprayer so it ran a little bit.

ITEMS TO REVISIT

Court – Eric talked to Nicole at the Courts. We will have to go back. We would like to object to his motion to vacate our dismissal and relist it. Maybe they will allow us to make that oral

presentation before the hearing. We could request a 3pm hearing. A letter will be drafted to the court in regards to times and reschedule the hearing time due to two parties being educators.

Bids for painting – No one has responded to the bids for the painting of trim as of yet.

Sidewalks – Bernie had someone comment on the new sidewalks. A blind person was happy to have the edge on the sidewalk for walking with their cane.

Trash - needs to be picked up. We may need to make a schedule. If there are other issues than we need to be made aware of them.

Special Event Sign – Maybe if we moved the flag on the other side or put the flag on the building. John has not reported back to Sally yet. Put a light in the ground to shine on the sign. Peabody put the sign up because they wanted to do something for the town. Kim maintains it. The town did not pay for the sign. We need to bring the deficiencies to Kim. The safety audit and town ordinance should be referenced in regards to the interior lighting which is not permitted.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

There May Be a Closed Session.

Eric made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Bernie seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbie Bartlett
Executive Secretary