

**MINUTES
FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

Monday, September 30, 2013

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 3:00 pm on Monday, September 30, 2013 at the Franconia Town Hall. Regular members in attendance were Ted Hoyle, John Lachapelle, Bob Montagno, Suzy MacDonald and Sally Small

Guests of the Board-Jeff Phillips, Chuck Phillips, Peter Grote and Paul Schmucker

Ted Hoyle called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

SELECTMEN'S TIME:

BOS Minutes 9/23/2013: Formal readings of the September 23, 2013 BOS meeting minutes were waived. The minutes of September 23, 2013 were approved.

FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:

Transaction List for 10/03/13 - The Board reviewed and signed the transaction list for 10/03/13.

APPOINTMENTS:

3:00 – Jeff Phillips – Jeff discussed with the Select Board the 3rd Q budget for the Cemetery and for Building & Grounds. While discussing the Building & Grounds budget the Dow Clock line item was brought up. This line item is for electricity and for the “clock winder”. Maintenance on equipment is high due to replacement of the blower on the tractor. Jeff should be keeping an eye on overtime as well as the assistant’s wages.

The Cemetery water leak caused the water bill to be quite high. Stone washing will be done this year. Jeff is just waiting for the contractor to come and do that. The wages for the Cemetery will not go over the budget amount of \$10,160. Sally can start giving a monthly report to each department for wages.

Roof bids were discussed. Bondd Construction has been eliminated. The Select Board made a motion to accept the Eastern Construction Management bid of \$26,698 which includes roof guards and could be reduced to \$20,737 if no asbestos is found. All were in favor. Both flat roofs at the Town Building will be replaced. The Town of Franconia needs the certificate of insurance form from EMC. The payment schedule will be reviewed.

The handicapped entrance ramp landing is pulling away from the building and should be fixed immediately. A further look will determine the next step of repair or replacement for the long term. The ramp should be included in the CIP.

The former Community Garden should be loomed in and reseeded as it is no longer being used.

3:30 – Chuck Lovett – Chuck Lovett stopped to be sure the Select Board was prepared to sign a contract with Northeast Masonry since the town is providing more than half of the funding. Some of the funding

is also coming from the “Moose” plates. The Select Board will sign as soon as the contract is presented to them.

3:35 – Peter Grote – Letter received from SB – Peter was here to discuss with the Select Board the letter he received from them concerning the gravel pit. He wanted to give a status update and the reason for the visibility of it. Less than 10,000 yards of gravel has been processed. Peter will not be selling any gravel to the State of NH. Peter has a two year inventory stored at the end of the airport for the Town of Franconia. The pit could potentially be shut down by the end of the year. Sand is still being stored in the pit and crushed gravel on their land in a pasture. They are in the process of fencing in the area and the contents are dedicated to the Town. Peter expected to sell/barter 1500 yards for compensation for the use of the equipment and a small amount for the trucking. He has spoken with the State and has been informed the “barter” was wrong. Peter’s intention was to sell to the Highway and the State.

John Lachapelle would like to know how we got from this year’s gravel to gravel being held for us for the next two years. Peter discussed the “fast track” he was on and the cost effectiveness of working quickly. Peter would agree to move the piles in the pasture if need be. Peter does have a signed agreement to provide sand and gravel for the next two years.

Peter questioned if this should have gone to the Planning Board. The Town has already taken this year’s amount of gravel and sand. If the Town does not want additional sand and gravel then he could apply for a commercial gravel pit which could take a year or two for him to obtain.

Peter presented a copy of the Towns Gravel Pit regulations which appear to not have the signature of the Select Board. The document came from the Planning Board so the Select Board does not know if they have a signed copy or not.

The Select Board will discuss with Scott Leslie if there is any room for additional gravel now. The Town has no more money to pay for gravel until next year. Peter is willing to carry the costs until next year. The Pit has the potential for another 6,000 yards before the 50 foot setback is met. Peter will be sending the Town a bill for what has already been obtained, which is approximately 1658 yards. There is 1300 yards of sand and 2700 -3000 yards of gravel stored for the Town. The pit has been left open for now in case the Grote’s wish to go back in.

4:00 – Paul Schmucker – 3rd Q Budget – Paul did not show for his appointment. Sally Small presented the 3rd Q Budget for the Life Squad. It was discussed whether Sugar Hill and Easton will continue to pay a small “donation” for the use of our Life Squad. They have contracted with Calx.

4:15 – Jack Ernsberger – Profile Club – Jack has met informally with the Planning Board about getting a Building Permit. Allan Clark needs to see the site plan; however, the Planning Board has waived a site plan review. Sally will have Marilyn Knowlton, Secretary to the Planning Board write a letter. The Profile Club plans to start construction in the next couple of weeks.

TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:

Underground Tanks- Will be discussed next week.

Cistern & Fire Hydrant Area Maintenance - Will be discussed next week.

Town Hall WiFi – Mike Hern has recommended that the Town of Franconia no longer host a public WiFi. The Town will no longer host the public WiFi. Sally will have Jeff remove the sign at the end of the parking lot.

Septic Design – Grasset M8/Lot 1A-7 – A Septic Design for Grasset M8/Lot 1A-7 was reviewed and will be sent to the State of NH for approval.

Proval & Lorber has been working with the Safety Services Committee and is looking to have the Select Board authorize a bill for work that has been started on that project. P & L is putting together an estimate for the work and will be meeting with the Safety Services Building Committee on October 16, 2013.

Bob discussed the front steps. We need to have a dollar figure and hold a public hearing. The cost of engineering and the cost of the project can be added together.

The Select Board discussed with Sally the expendable trusts and the fact that some money is taken out and spent and some money is voted on by the townspeople at the annual meeting to be spent. Either way is right but makes a difference in how funds are reported on Town reports. Bob would like to have further clarification from the DRA on this matter. If large amounts of money are going to be taken from the Town Buildings Maintenance Fund it is recommended to have a public hearing.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Top of the Notch Coop

North Country Council 40th Annual Meeting Dinner 10/23/2013

Selectman Hoyle adjourned the meeting at 4:36 pm

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne MacDonald, Executive Secretary