

**MINUTES  
FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

**Tuesday, September 4, 2012**

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 3:00 pm on Tuesday, September 4, 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- John Monaghan, Rebecca Brown, Scott Leslie, Kyle & Matt Mike, Brad Bailey

Also:

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

**SELECTMEN'S TIME:**

**BOS Minutes 08/20/2012:** Formal readings of the August 20, 2012 BOS meeting minutes were waived. The minutes of August 20, 2012 we approved as written.

**FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:**

**Checks and Transaction List for 09/06/12** - The Board reviewed and signed the checks and transaction list for 09/06/12.

**Agreement to Release Re: Bld Permit for property Abutting class VI Highway – Cummings** – An agreement to release re: Building Permit for property abutting class VI Highway – Cummings – was signed and given to Kyle Mike.

**2 Timber Tax Letters** - Two Timber Tax Letters were signed and will be sent to two residents who have not completed timber tax paperwork.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**2:45- Police Chief John Monaghan** – Chief Monaghan presented a letter to the Select Board from Staff Sergeant Mark Taylor which outlines his intention to retire from the Franconia Police Department effective September 30, 2012.

**3:00 –Rebecca Brown – Candidate for State Legislature-** Rebecca introduced herself as a Candidate for State Legislature. The Select Board and Rebecca discussed the privatization of Cannon Mountain and the Northern Pass.

Rebecca also advised the Select Board that the Community Forest project has received a federal grant worth \$372,000.00.

**3:15 – Scott Leslie – Highway Department** – Scott showed the Select Board a copy of a letter he received from Harvey Flanders regarding the front stairs of the Town Building. Scott discussed the lack of bids when the project went to bid earlier in the year. For now Scott will fix the stairs with a round center railing and put flower boxes or something on either side. This is a project the Highway Department can take care of for now.

A street sign is missing from Powder Hill Drive. The Town is responsible for replacing this sign even though this is a private drive.

A culvert at Sunset Ridge Road was discussed.

Failed Boiler Test at the Town Hall was discussed. The valves need to be replaced. Scott will be sure to follow up on this as we have only 30 days to respond.

Salt Shed Foundation bids were discussed. Presby - \$7600.00 and White Mountain Concrete \$8424.00. This project must be done prior to winter as the shed is needed to put up the winter salt. Scott recommendation is to go with Presby as long as they can start within two weeks. The Select Board would like for Scott to get in touch with Presby.

Scott needs to purchase some cutting edges for the grader. He would like to purchase a set of carbide blades which can run about \$1000.00 but last much longer than what he has been using. If Scott can find the money in his budget he can purchase the carbide ones.

**3:30 – Kyle & Matt Mike – Old County Road/Hearthstone Road** – Kyle Mike was given a copy of the signed agreement to release re: Building Permit for property abutting a class VI Highway. This agreement is between the Town of Franconia and current owner Cummings.

**3:45 – Brad Bailey** – Brad introduced himself as a candidate for State Representative, floater position. One of Brad's focuses will be on the communication at the State level. Brad and the Select Board discussed the privatization of Cannon Mountain.

<b>TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:</b>
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**Review MS -1** – The MS -1 one was reviewed and initialed. Sally will send by email the completed MS – 1 to the NH DRA.

**Boiler Inspection Failure – Town Building** – Boiler Inspection Failure notice for the Town Hall was given to Scott Leslie. Scott will be sure the boiler repair is followed up on.

**Letter from Mr. Moore** – A letter from Mr. Moore was circulated and read. A copy of the letter will be given to the resident who filed the original complaint on the property located on Route 116.

**The Select Board will go back** to meeting on Monday's at 3:00pm until further notice.

**It has come to the Select** Boards attention that Select Board members are not required to sign checks. They are only required to review and sign the manifest. The Town Treasurer should be the only one to sign checks. An RSA was discussed and will be discussed with the Treasurer. The current procedure will be reviewed and changed as necessary.

**The Town's Attorney** is still looking into the appointed/elected auditor position. Sally has a name she will present to the Supervisors of the Checklist for appointment.

**The Select Board would** like to meet with Kim Cowles regarding increase pay for a staff member and the town website. Sally will schedule Kim for next week.

**John is looking for the office** to assist with excel spreadsheets for the CIP. Suzy will be available to take minutes of the scheduled meetings with Department Heads. Suzy will send a copy of the CIP scheduled meetings to Ted and Rollie.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

**Woodstock Planning Board – Telecommunication Application**

**Changes to the NH Architectural Barrier Free Design Code**

**Thank you – Lafayette Lions Club**

Selectman Lachapelle adjourned the meeting at 4:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne MacDonald, Executive Secretary