

**MINUTES
FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

Monday, December 8, 2014

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 2:00 pm on Monday December 8, 2014 at the Franconia Town Hall. Regular members in attendance were John Lachapelle, Ted Hoyle, Bob Montagno, and Suzy MacDonald

Guests of the Board: Harriet Taylor, Dinny Richmond

John Lachapelle called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

SELECTMEN'S TIME:

BOS Minutes 12/01/2014: Formal readings of the December 1, 2014 BOS meeting minutes were waived. The minutes of December 1, 2014 were approved.

FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:

Transaction List for 12/11/14 - The Board reviewed and signed the transaction list for 12/11/14.

Safety Services Building Project Transaction List– Nothing to sign this week.

APPOINTMENTS:

2:00 – Department Heads – Jeff Phillips, Scott Leslie, John Monaghan, Greg Wells, and Kim Cowles attended the Department Head meeting. The icy condition of the stairs was discussed. Jeff is still looking into what he can safely use on the stairs.

It is important that each bill is signed off on if a check is to be prepared for it.

Kim mentioned that the Holiday Bash will take place in The Village this Saturday night from 5-7pm. Caroling, hot cocoa, goodies and Santa.

Ice making will take place as weather permits.

Greg has done all the energy improvements at the Transfer Station. It is much more comfortable there. The snow guards are in place. The curtains are up and the heat is working. It's bearable without a lot of wind. He is concerned about the propane bill as the building has always been heated with oil. The doors are all built in the back.

The fans at the Highway Garage are an issue according to Scott. All the duct work is in place and Scott is looking into a fan that will blow heat around thru the pipes. He has asked a guy to price it out and give him a quote.

The new truck is still being worked on and should be ready by the end of this week.

Service needs to be done on the backhoe. It is going to cost about \$1100. The Select Board ok's this work and the money will be taken from the Heavy Equipment Maintenance Fund.

The Highway Department is not salting in town streets. They are leaving them snow covered and sanding them.

John Monaghan has a radio in one of the cruisers that is not working. He would like to get a new one this year if he has enough money in his budget. The Select Boards supports him getting a new one this year as long as he does not go over budget.

Scott Leslie mentioned something about Sugar Hill wanting to put a radio repeater on some land owned by Presby at Mittersill. This could also benefit us. The Select Board would like to know which piece of land this is. It is on Alpen Hill.

Jeff is still having problems with dogs in the Cemetery. The area is posted for no dogs. The Police Department will follow up on this. Jeff and John will review to current dog ordinance.

Three people have accepted an invitation to be on the Cemetery Trustee Board.

Jeff has looked at pellet furnaces at the White Mountain School. The Library is looking into installing one.

John Lachapelle would like to know which tree at the Safety Services Building needs to be looked at for a possible take down. Allan Clark does not see a problem with the tree. Several trees were cut at the start of the project. The Select Board will take a look at the trees location.

John Lachapelle will not be here for next week's meeting. Paul Schmucker should be here and be able to address the issues that have been raised by the Auditors.

The Select Board will be posting a job description on the Town Clerk/Tax Collector. There was some discussion on separating the two positions.

3:00 – Library Trustees - Harriet Taylor and Dinny Richmond – The Library is still looking into installing a pellet boiler. They have been to the White Mountain School and looked at theirs. They are very encouraged and enthused at this prospect. Chuck Lovett will be working on getting one more quote.

The Energy Commission will be asked to right specifications so all are bidding on the same item. Fitz can provide some guidance on this. The Energy Commission will be asked to lay out the potential savings also.

Irving has pumped the contaminated fuel from the tank at the Library. The oil furnace is currently working.

TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:

Department Maintenance Budgets – The draft copy of the CIP is out to the CIP members. The current draft is up \$30,000 from last year. The evaluation forms will be used and some equipment may be pushed back. Some of the concern is with the money held in department maintenance budgets. Bob Montagno would like to group all repair money into one budget. This money would be dedicated strictly to repairs of vehicles and equipment. The Department Heads would be required to come to the Select Board to justify the repair. There was some discussion as to how we would arrive at a repair figure for the budget.

The Select Board will have Donn Lathrup in to discuss the work on the Dow Clock. Harriet Taylor will also be asked to attend.

Fire Department Personnel Policy – Entered into non public session per RSA 91 A 3 II

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Selectman Lachapelle adjourned the public meeting at 3:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne MacDonald, Executive Secretary