

**MINUTES
FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

Tuesday, January 21, 2014

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 3:00 pm on Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at the Franconia Town Hall. Regular members in attendance were Ted Hoyle, John Lachapelle, Bob Montagno, Sally Small and Suzy MacDonald

Guests of the Board – Bernie Costa, Brian Williams, Mogens Jessen

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

SELECTMEN'S TIME:

BOS Minutes 1/13/2014: Formal readings of the January 13, 2014 BOS meeting minutes were waived. The minutes of January 13, 2014 were approved.

FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:

Transaction List for 1/23/14 - The Board reviewed and signed the transaction list for 1/23/14.

APPOINTMENTS:

3:00 pm – CIP – The CIP discussed with the Select Board the 2014 CIP Plan. The Highway Truck, sidewalks and the Baler are the items that have caused an increase this year. An unanticipated replacement of a pickup truck at the Highway must be replaced with a cost of \$20,000 and \$24,000 will be used to redo sidewalks this year. The baler will be paid for by the Transfer Station Special Revenue Fund; however it should still be shown on the plan. There is an overall increase of \$33,700. The cost of the used Highway Truck will come from taxation. All of the Highway Trucks were discussed.

Two mowers will be replaced this year all from the Capital Reserve Fund.

This year the Townwill be asked to establish a new Capital Reserve Fund for the Cisterns/Fire Ponds.

Sally will work on writing the articles.

The Bridges were discussed. John Lachapelle feels that not putting away sufficient money for bridge repairs is going to be a problem in the future. The Bridge reports have been read by John Lachapelle and by Bob Montagno and each have a different interpretation of the report. The CIP should weigh in on this report after reading. The Highway Department is in charge of the bridges. Scott Leslie should read the report and be ready to further evaluate by an engineer. Recommendations would then be made to the CIP. John Lachapelle would like to recommend that some money be put into the bridge fund for 2014. After some discussion the CIP will add \$2000 to the bridge fund for this year and each year after covered by the plan. John Lachapelle would like to have someone from the NH DOT come to a meeting and discuss the report. Bob will contact the DOT for further clarification.

3:30 pm – Richard Morris – Franconia Airport – Did not show.

TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:

Line item Budget – The 2014 Line Item Budget was discussed.

Warrant Articles will be written in draft form by Sally Small for Monday.

Sally has made a few changes to the Building Inspection paperwork to reflect the fees better.

Cemetery Fees – Sally Small will have more information on Cemetery Fees for discussion on next Monday. Sally will discuss the fees with Jeff. The Cemetery by laws have never been adopted that we can find.

Ted Hoyle has received some information regarding grant money for extra patrols which will be given to John Monaghan.

Oil has been pumped from the Town Hall building and will be used as waste oil. This was an old tank that is no longer working.

John Lachapelle gave each of the Select Board members a summary of emergency calls logged by dispatch for year 2013. This is a summary he prepared using information provided to him.

Fire and Building Inspections were discussed and the Select Board would like to pursue charging the homeowner or the business owner for this service.

Town Hall Steps were discussed. The funds will be taken from the Town Buildings Fund.

Bob Montagno would like to add \$3000 to General Government Buildings for janitorial service. That would be for the Town Hall Building and the Warming Hut as it contains a public restroom. Sally will add this to the budget.

The Dow Clock was discussed and a warrant article will be placed on the warrant so that work may be done on the clock to get it running.

Trustees of the Trust Funds – Need to file to run for office between January 22, 2014 and January 31, 2014.

The Select Board realizes they have not answered question from the Towns Attorney regarding the Employee Handbook.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

The Public Budget Hearing will be held on Monday February 10, 2014 at 7pm.

Selectman Hoyle adjourned the meeting at 4:08 pm

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne MacDonald, Executive Secretary