

**MINUTES  
FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

**Monday, July 14, 2014**

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 3:00 pm on Monday July 14, 2014 at the Franconia Town Hall. Regular members in attendance were John Lachapelle, Ted Hoyle, and Suzy MacDonald

Guests of the Board – Jeff Phillips, Greg Wells, John Monaghan (3:00pm) & Kim Cowles (4:00pm)

John Lachapelle called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

**SELECTMEN'S TIME:**

**BOS Minutes 06/30/2014:** Formal readings of the June 30, 2014 BOS meeting minutes were waived. The minutes of June 30, 2014 were approved.

**FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:**

**Transaction List for 7/17/14** - The Board reviewed and signed the transaction list for 7/17/14.

**Building Permit – Map 16/Lot 1-17 Shed-**

**Driveway Permit – Cottontail Farms Trust – Wells Road – Map 26/Lot 9**

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**2:00 – Department Head Meeting – Jeff Phillips & Greg Wells** – Jeff Phillips has gotten an estimate for tree removal on Dow. If all nine trees are removed the cost would be \$6300.00. If six trees are removed the cost would be \$4400.00. The homeowners in the area are ok with the trees coming down. The money will come out of the Highway Budget. The Select Board would like to have Jeff schedule the work and have all nine trees taken down.

On Old Home Day a tree split at the museum. Jeff has gotten an estimate of \$500 to remove that. Funds for removing this tree will come from the Town Buildings Maintenance Fund.

Jeff will also let the power company know these trees need to be cut down. It's possible they may consider them hazard trees and have them taken down during line clearing.

The wheel seals have been done on the red one-ton truck for less than Jeff had expected.

The new baler is in and working fine at the Transfer Station. Greg will now focus on getting the furnace ready for cooler weather. Jeff will work on getting a person to install the furnace.

Greg has received some complaints that the trash bags do not have a paper in them stating our Transfer Station hours. Greg will also be having the “curtains” installed in the fall.

There is no word yet on the propane/fuel bids. The Energy Commission will be helping the office to obtain these.

Someone has been pruning trees at the cemetery. Parts of the split rail fence have also been moved. The Select Board will ask the Police Department to step up patrols in that area.

A rather large bear has been at the Transfer Station and has ripped apart a door. Greg will need to have this door replaced. Greg thinks that his employee Corey can do the job.

The Select Board remembers discussing painting of the museum and the Frost Place and using the Correction Facility guys to do that.

The Recreation Summer program is very busy this summer. Old Home Day was a success. The water fountain at the Dow was run over. Scott Leslie is working on a replacement.

Jeff is to pull the shrubs from out from of the Town Building and replace.

**2:45 – Ronnie Broderick** - Ronnie has heard they will be some paving of sidewalks done on Academy Street this summer. He has concerns around his property and he would like to have the Road Agent, Scott Leslie, come and speak with him prior to any work being done.

**3:00 – Allan Clark – Construction Contract – GMP** – Allan Clark is here to present the Select Board with the Construction Contract from Ricci Construction for the GMP of the Safety Services Building. Keep in mind that the building is different than the one presented to the Town in March. The GMP is cost plus the contract. His mark up is 2.9% and he has built in contingency. There have been many changes to the interior and exterior of the building. The building is currently scheduled to be complete in mid January of 2015.

The big issued that has been resolved is the unsuitable materials in the ground. We will be using RAM Aggregate Piers. This will give us the surface we need to build the building. The pier work will begin on Monday. Foundation work should start the following Monday. The Town has secured a \$75,000 grant thru Homeland Security to be used for some equipment throughout the building.

The Building Committee unanimously approved the GMP and it's their hope the Select Board will do the same. The Select Board reviewed and signed the contract with Ricci Construction Company Inc for a GMP of \$1,578,000.00 Total project cost is \$1, 891,934.00.

The town will be buying the in ground propane tank in hopes that will can bid the propane out each year. All change orders will go to the Select Board for approval. Safety is the contractors responsibility. Police will need to keep an extra eye on the project and the yard.

**3:30 – Harriet Taylor – Dow Clock** – Harriet presented a contract with D'Avanza Clock Repair for Tower Clock Face Restoration at Dow Academy. The Select Board reviewed and signed. The Town will be giving no money to this project. Funds have been raised thru donations and grants. The Town has no financial obligations. The Town is signing the contract as the clock/bell owner only.

<b>TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:</b>
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**Sam's Place – Kris Pastoriza** – A note from Kris was read. Kris is asking for a price to purchase Sam's Place which is currently at the Transfer Station. According to Scott Leslie, the current replacement figure for that building of a comparable size is \$7,000.00.

<b>FOR YOUR INFORMATION:</b>
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**NHDOT Paving – Route 117 – 3/8 miles**

Selectman Lachapelle adjourned the meeting at 4:12 pm

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne MacDonald, Executive Secretary