

**MINUTES
FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

Monday, July 28, 2014

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 3:00 pm on Monday July 28, 2014 at the Franconia Town Hall. Regular members in attendance were John Lachapelle, Ted Hoyle, Bob Montagno and Sally Small

Guests of the Board – Marilyn Knowlton (3:00pm) & Lucy Hall and Kim Cowles (3:30pm)

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

SELECTMEN'S TIME:

BOS Minutes 0714/2014: Formal readings of the July 14, 2014 BOS meeting minutes were waived. The minutes of July 14, 2014 were approved.

FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:

Transaction List for 7/31/14 - The Board reviewed and signed the transaction list for 7/31/14.

Safety Services Building Project Transaction List for 7/31/14 – The board reviewed and signed the transaction list for 7/31/14.

Appointment – Deputy Tax Collector – The Board on the recommendation of our Tax Collector, Marilyn Knowlton, appointed Lydia Cumbee and Deputy Tax Collector.

Temporary Driveway Permit – The Moog, LLC – Magowan Hill – Map 11/Lot 11- The Board on the recommendation of the Public Works Director, Scott Leslie, signed the temporary driveway permit for the logging operation on property owned by the Moog, LLC on Magowan Hill Road.

Sign Permit – Deb Mastro – Map 14/Lot75- The Board approved a sign permit for a new business going into the building between the Village Store and the Post Office. The sign will be on the building and the name of the business is **Every Now and Then**.

APPOINTMENTS:

3:00 – Marilyn Knowlton – Town Clerk/Tax Collector – Marilyn met with the board to discuss various items. First was that Lydia Cumbee had agreed to be the Deputy Tax Collector. The board unanimously agreed to sign her appointment.

Marilyn reminded the Board of the September 9th State Primary and shared that the State was offering training for all Election Officials at several locations prior to the primary.

The State DMV sent out a memo to the town clerks discussing a possible change in the vehicle inspection month for municipalities with the State looking for feedback from the towns. Marilyn agreed to share the memo with Scott Leslie for his feedback.

Lastly, Marilyn discussed the problem of delinquent taxes and both the lien process and the tax deed process. A list of delinquent taxes was given to each board member for their review. She told the board that in some cases the outstanding amounts included water rents.

Marilyn explained to the board that within 90 days after the years tax due date a lien is placed on all property tax and water rents that are delinquent. Two years and a day after the lien date the town could choose to start the tax deed process. If the tax deed process is started we would have to offer the property to the present owners prior to going to sale. The board discussed the legal ramifications of the tax deed process especially rental property. It was decided to try contacting the property owners to ascertain as to why the taxes were delinquent before starting the Tax Deed process.

3:30 – Lucy Hall & Kim Cowles – Lucy met with the board to request a more comfortable bench at Ernie’s park (next to the former dairy bar) than the ones that Kim had placed for the game area. She finds it a nice place to stop between her house and the center of town.

Kim explained that the Lion’s Club had offered to donate the \$250 that David Schaffer won, and gave back, at the Old Home Day duck race. David has agreed that helping pay for a bench would be a good use of the money. As soon as Kim is finished with the Summer Recreation program she will work on getting the bench placed at the park.

TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:

Septic Design – Nancy MacNeil – Map 21/Lot 9 – Kerr Road – The replacement of the failed system was reviewed and will be sent to the State of NH for their approval.

Septic Design – Landry-Map 12/Lot 39-2 – Slalom Lane Extension – The design for a new system was reviewed and will be sent to the State of NH for approval.

Revised Quote from Totally Trees – The board discussed and approved the revised quote for the increased number of trees being removed on Dow Ave.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Visit to Transfer Station by the State on 7/30/14
Grafton County 2015 Budget

Selectman Lachapelle adjourned the meeting at 4:15 pm

Respectfully submitted, Sally Small, Administrative Assistant