

**MINUTES
FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

Monday, March 24, 2014

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 3:00 pm on Monday March 24, 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 –

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

SELECTMEN'S TIME:

BOS Minutes 3/17/2014: Formal readings of the March 17, 2014 BOS meeting minutes were waived. The minutes of March 17, 2014 were approved.

FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:

Transaction List for 3/27/14 - The Board reviewed and signed the transaction list for 3/27/14.

Provan & Lorber – SSB – FEMA Map Amendment – Provan & Lorber is looking to have the FEMA Map updated for the Town of Franconia. This would get the Safety Services Building out of the 100 year flood zone. The current map is not accurate. The area has been raised and this area needs to be redefined. The biggest advantage to doing this is to take any questions away from the area.

There was some discussion if our insurance premium would go down because we would be out of the flood zone. Sally will check with our insurance carrier Primex.

Twin State Ford paperwork – 2011 Ford F150 – HW Dept – was reviewed and signed by the Select Board.

Building Permit – Palmiera – (Map 12/Lot 56) Slalom circle – Addition – the Building Permit must be reviewed and signed by Allen Clark, Building Inspector, before the Select Board will review and sign.

APPOINTMENTS:

3:00 – Scott Leslie – 2011 Ford F150 paperwork – The Select Board reviewed and signed the paperwork for the purchase of a 2011 Ford F150 pickup truck for the Highway Department. This will replace the “water department” truck. Scott would like to be able to use the difference of the amount raised and the truck price for lettering, a strobe, and a tool box. There is a little over \$1000 left. The Select Board says this can be used. Scott will not be able to plow with the F150.

Inspection is due on the Blue 5500. Scott is concerned with the repairs that may be needed to get the truck inspected. If he does not get it inspected then he must park the truck. This truck is due to be traded this summer.

TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:

Next Steps for Safety Service Building - The Select Board discussed moving forward on the Safety Services Building. The Committee had a task to do and they have completed the initial task. The Select Board needs to be included in all future planning of this area. Bob Montagno gave an update on where we stand as of this date. The bid policy was discussed and we must adhere to that policy. The Committee may be looking at taking another path to building. The Select Board has the ultimate decision in moving forward. The Committee will make a recommendation to Select Board. Some parts of the project will need engineering and we will either continue to use Provan & Lorber or we will go out to bid on the engineering. If we can show a good decision has been made then we would document it and move forward. The construction of the building will defiantly go to bid.

Board of Selectmen Chairman - John Lachapelle was nominated to be the Chairman of the Select Board for the next year. He accepted.

Select Board Committee assignments will stay the same.

Vacation & Summer Schedules were discussed. The Select Board will meet the second and the last Monday of each month starting in May thru August. the meetings will be held on May 12, May 27 (due to the Holiday), June 9, June 30, July 14, July 28, August 11, August 25 and September 2, (due to the Holiday). Any change to this schedule will be posted. The Select Board is still responsible for coming in and reviewing check during non meeting weeks.

The Select Board reviewed and signed a change of contract price for the front steps at the Town Hall. This had already been agreed to, this just formalizes it. The stair construction will start as soon as the weather will allow.

Media Contact should be handled by only one contact person. Bob Montagno is the only one who should be speaking regarding the Safety Services Building to the media.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Selectman Hoyle adjourned the meeting at 4:00 pm

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne MacDonald, Executive Secretary