

**MINUTES  
FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

**Monday, November 10, 2014**

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 2:00 pm on Monday November 10, 2014 at the Franconia Town Hall. Regular members in attendance were John Lachapelle, Ted Hoyle, Suzy MacDonald and Sally Small

Guests of the Board: Department Heads, Ken Mosedale, Deb Stravato & Robert Lodge

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

**SELECTMEN'S TIME:**

**BOS Minutes 11/03/2014:** Formal readings of the November 3, 2014 BOS meeting minutes were waived. The minutes of November 3, 2014 were approved.

**FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:**

**Transaction List for 11/13/14 -** The Board reviewed and signed the transaction list for 11/13/14.

**Safety Services Building Project Transaction List** – There were no transactions this week.

**Building Permit – Stockwell – M28/L36 – Addition** – The Board reviewed and signed a Building Permit for Stockwell, Map 28/Lot 36 for an addition.

**Building Permit – KJK Wireless – Antennas on Cannon** - The Board reviewed and signed a Building Permit for KJK Wireless for an Antenna on Cannon.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**2:00 – Department Head Meeting** – Kim Cowles, Greg Wells, Jeff Phillips, Scott Leslie, and John Monaghan attended the Department Head Meeting. Kim reminds John Monaghan that the Wobble Gobble is on Thanksgiving Day. The Arts Alliance would like to hold a small reception for those involved on Friday night and serve wine. The Select Board will ok the servings of wine at the end of the event. Kim has marked a couple of trees at Ernies Park which she would like to cut down. Kim has been approached as to why the tree cutting on Dow Avenue did not go out to bid. The company cutting the trees has always given us a good price and has been low bidder in the past. The Select Board agrees it should have gone out to bid as it was over \$5000. Kim is looking for a 55 gallon drum with a spout. The water fountain on the Dow was discussed. Kim would like a water spigot connected. Scott Leslie will do something for her in the spring.

Greg Wells is almost done winterizing the Transfer Station. He still needs to install snow guards. He is waiting for some staging. Scott Leslie may be able to borrow a bucket truck from Bethlehem to get the job done.

Jeff Phillips has nothing to report.

Scott Leslie reports the Highway Department has finished the bridge they have been working on. Jim Cyrs may be back to work this week. The new truck may be here next week. The Highway Department is still hauling sand. They have all the gravel from the Grotes pit. Scott also wanted clarification on the on call policy and how to list on the time sheets. The Highway Department will be using the Veterans Day Holiday on Wednesday and not Tuesday.

John Monagan's department has been busy with "first" winter weather accidents.

The Select Board told the Department Heads that Marilyn Knowlton has resigned her position as she is no longer a resident of Franconia. They will be advertising for the position. Bethlehem Town Clerk is prepared to help our residents. The Select Board would like to have Sally redo the message on the Tax Collector/Town Clerk answering machine.

Sally explained the 2015 Health Care rates. She also told the Select Board that Primex will be issuing a \$7000. credit towards our Workers Compensation rates in 2015.

Passumpsic Savings Bank is waiting for an answer on their presentation to us. The Select Board would like to hear from Tina Peabody. The Trustees have made their decision.

**3:00 – Ken Mosedale – Meadow Crest Drive** – Scott Leslie, Road Agent, discussed Meadow Crest Road. He sees no reason why it should not stay dirt. It may require a 50 foot paved apron at the bottom. Ken Mosedale reviewed wanting Meadow Crest Road to be taken over by the town using the proper channels of having the request put on the Warrant and voted on. Ken will be happy to attend the Town Meeting. If the road is approved he will then be sure the road is up to specs before turning it over to the Town. The Select Board will place this as an article on the 2015 Warrant.

**3:30 – Deb Stravato & Robert Lodge – Tax Lien** – Deb and Robert discussed their current taxes as well as delinquent taxes. They have received communication from the Town. They are looking to resolve this situation. The Select Board is willing to work with them. It is required that they be current on 2014 taxes before any payment agreement can be entered into. A five year payment plan is the maximum time allowed for repayment. Interest rate may be negotiable from the 18% to 12% by the Select Board. All agreements must be approved by the Town's Attorney. Sally discussed with them the procedure to file abatement if they feel their land is overvalued. Sally can help further with this.

<b>TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:</b>
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**Primex Worker's Compensation Refund** - Primex will be issuing a \$7000 credit towards our Workers Compensation rates in 2015.

<b>FOR YOUR INFORMATION:</b>
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Selectman Lachapelle adjourned the meeting at 3:41 pm  
Respectfully submitted, Suzanne MacDonald, Executive Secretary