

**MINUTES
FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

Monday, September 22, 2014

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 2:00 pm on Monday September 22, 2014 at the Franconia Town Hall. Regular members in attendance were John Lachapelle, Ted Hoyle, Bob Montagno, Suzy MacDonald and Sally Small

Guests of the Board: Kim Cowles, Greg Wells, Sugar Hill Select Board, 2 Easton Select Board Members & Jeff Woodburn

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

SELECTMEN'S TIME:

BOS Minutes 09/8/2014: Formal readings of the September 8, 2014 BOS meeting minutes were waived. The minutes of September 8, 2014 were approved.

FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:

Transaction List for 9/25/14 - The Board reviewed and signed the transaction list for 9/25/14.

Safety Services Building Project Transaction List for 9/25/14 – The board reviewed and signed the transaction list for 9/25/14.

APPOINTMENTS:

3:00 – Tri – Town Meeting (Recreation) – The Franconia Select Board along with the Sugar Hill Select Board and two members from the Easton Select Board met with Kim Cowles, Recreation Director, to discuss the budget. The Boards are asking Sally to break out the communication costs into phone and IT for the line item. The Boards would also like to see the income broken down by item in each category. Kim can always show the number of participants per program, just ask.

Shared transportation has been explored between Lafayette Recreation and the Boys & Girls Club. The Woodland School would like to borrow our van on Wednesdays.

Background checks were discussed and are now required by recreation staff and coaches. The person must go to Twin Mountain to apply.

The water fountain at the Dow Park has been replaced and is now working.

The funds from Concerts and other fundraising events on the Dow are held as separate funds and not included in the budget. This money is from donations, not tax payer dollars. The Select Boards would like to know the balance of this savings account for Dow Activities. Sally can get this information as well as a balance sheet for the Recreation Department.

3:30 – Tri – Town Meeting (Transfer Station) – The Franconia Select Board along with the Sugar Hill Select Board and two members from the Easton Select Board met with Greg Wells to discuss the Tri Town Transfer Station Budget.

The heating & propane was discussed. A rather lengthy discussion centered on ways to tighten up the building so that heat is not lost thru open doors or open spaces. The propane heating system from the old Safety Services Building is available to be used at the Transfer Station. Greg is looking into ordering plastic sheets to cover the opening in the front of the station. The back door area and the bobcat storage area were discussed. Greg will ask Scott Leslie and Jeff Phillips to take a look at the building and for some ideas at winterizing. Bob Montagno will also be involved.

This week Greg will be eliminating the Swap Shop.

Closing on Holidays was discussed. Due to the many second home owners in Town, there are several Holidays that Greg feels he can not close for, especially the Holidays that fall on Mondays.

No progress has been made on capping pay for any town employee.

The surplus from the Transfer Station budget goes into the Transfer Station Special Revenue Fund at the end of the year. If major items need to be purchased the funds should come from this account.

4:00 – Jeff Woodburn – North Country Senator – Jeff Woodburn was invited by the Sugar Hill Select Board to meet with the other towns to update us all on Northern Pass. Jeff is still 100% opposed to Northern Pass although he did vote in favor of the burial bill. Today he is concerned with 100% burial. Towns must have a local say and there must be local benefit. Burial alone does not meet the criteria and provided enough of a benefit for the North Country.

Jeff Woodburn left and Margo Connors discussed looking into the future by having a legal agreement signed by Franconia, Easton and Sugar Hill regarding Northern Pass. Margo will obtain more information.

TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:

John Lachapelle would like for Sally to ask PRIMEX to have a review session with employees regarding Workers Compensation at the Town Hall in Franconia.

Sally has not yet received the audit.

The next Department Head Meeting will be on October 20, 2014 at 2pm.

A meeting will be held on October 9, 2014 at the Town Hall at 6pm to discuss Fire Pond Easements. Scott Leslie is expected to be at the meeting.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Jeff Malcolm resignation from Lafayette Recreation Committee

NH DES Lafayette Brook Wetlands Permit

Franstead Campground – Land Resources File #204-02480

Selectman Lachapelle adjourned the meeting at 5:13 pm

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne MacDonald, Executive Secretary