

**MINUTES
FRANCONIA BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

Monday, January 6, 2014

A meeting of the Franconia Board of Selectmen was held at 3:00 pm on Monday, January 6, 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 12/30/2013: Formal readings of the December 30, 2013 BOS meeting minutes were waived. The minutes of December 30, 2013 were approved.

FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL:

Transaction List for 1/9/14 - The Board reviewed and signed the transaction list for 1/9/14.

APPOINTMENTS:

3:00 pm – Bernie Costa – Community Plan – Bernie Costa presented a Road Safety Audit Application to be reviewed and signed by the Select Board. The Community Design Committee, under the Planning Board, has been looking at the feasibility of having a rotary at the intersection in town. This audit needs to be complete before moving further. The Town must request that this audit be done.

The State has worked with the Town on this intersection, even changing the signage, but the townspeople and local safety officials still feel more could be done for the safety of this area. Bernie has reports of accidents in this area thru August of 2013. There have been 19 reportable accidents since 2000.

The Planning Board supports this audit as does the Select Board. The Select Board moves that the application be submitted to the NH DOT for the Road Safety Audit. A vote was taken and all were in favor.

On the Audit, (#7) the agency method to identify and prioritize the road safety issues needs to be addressed. This agency will be the Select Board, along with the Police and Road Agent. The road safety issue is a priority as this is the only 4 way intersection in the town.

TO DISCUSS/REVIEW:

Cemetery Trust Funds – Sally discussed what she knew and what she was able to find out about the Cemetery Trust Funds. This is money held by the Trustees and Sally feels by talking with former Trustees that only the interest is allowed to be used not the principle. Sally would suggest talking with

Fidelity or the NH Charitable Trust. Bob Montagno will place this call. The Select Board and the Townspeople make the requests and the Trustees make the decisions.

When someone is buried, the burial fee goes into the Cemetery and is counted as income. When a plot is bought, the money goes to the Trustees and is placed in the Cemetery Trust Funds.

Letter from Provan & Lober re: Front Step Bids – Bob Montagno will continue to review this matter.

Bob would like to see a breakdown of money spend from the Town Buildings Fund in 2013. Sally will provide this information. There was some discussion on maintaining a minimum balance in this account for emergency purposes. This will again be discussed with the CIP Committee.

Letter from Mitchell Municipal Group re: 2014 Fees – The 2014 rates at Mitchell Municipal Group has increased by \$10 per hour.

The first Department Head meeting will be on Monday January 13, 2014 at 2pm. All Department Heads are expected to attend. This is not an optional meeting.

Sally would like to have all line items done on the budget by January 21, 2014. Sally will plug COLA into the 2014 budget. Then she and the Select Board can begin to work on the Warrant Articles.

The Select Board would like to speak with Scott Leslie regarding Safe Routes to School on Monday January 13, 2014.

At the Department Head meeting the following will be discussed. Updates within Departments, challenges departments are facing, positive happenings, ideas, teamwork, and attending Town Budget/Public Hearing and Town Meetings.

John Lachapelle would like to have the Fire Pond paperwork for the CIP Public Hearing.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

There will be a Budget work session on Thursday Janaury 9, 2014 at 1pm.

The Public Budget Hearing will be held on Monday February 10, 2014 at 7pm.

Selectman Hoyle adjourned the meeting at 4:16pm

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne MacDonald, Executive Secretary