

**PLANNING BOARD
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**July 21, 2020
MINUTES**

Planning Board Members Present: G. Bernstein, K. Fitzgerald, B. Hardwick, B. Howell (ex-off.), L. Kunhardt, S. Pyle; Planning Board Members Absent: R. Lindgren
Alternates Present: P. Behen - sits for R. Lindgren, Alternates Absent: T. Anderson, Jr., L. Heath.
Others Present: J. Pike (TA).
L. Kunhardt is taking the minutes.

The meeting was brought to order at 6:32pm via ZOOM (an electronic platform approved by NH Governor Chris Sununu for use by official public body use in 2020.)

Announcements and Communications: 1) Discussion of Zoom PBoard meetings continuing. Some members prefer Zoom, some prefer live meeting, some did not state preference. TA notes that should the board wish to meet live, perhaps for a case hearing, it would be relatively simple to use the Town Hall which would assure adequate space for members plus public participants.
2) receipt of SNHPC annual membership dues invoice -\$1,060.64.

Minutes: 6/19/2020- approved as presented, 6-0-1 Vote (favor): P. Behen, G. Bernstein, K. Fitzgerald, B. Hardwick, L. Kunhardt, S. Pyle; Abstain: B. Howell (ex-off.)

Unfinished Business: 1) Master Plan update - Water Resources chapter public outreach: Master plan committee met 7/16/2020. Discussion. Consensus is public outreach completed for the 2013 Conservation Plan/Natural Resources Inventory report was adequate to understand existing townspeople views relative to water resources. Educating everyone about importance of clean groundwater, what constitutes best practices to maintain clean groundwater plus why/how to implement those practices, and poor behaviors likely to cause groundwater contamination plus why/how to avoid them. Chair affirms consultant has examples of pamphlets, other items. Keep working.

New Business: 1) Bond file review. No new bonds. Four existing bonds remain current: 1) Cable Hold Company Exchange/Comcast bond; 2) M6/ L 61-2 Dennison Pond Road tower removal bond; 3) M7/L1 Crotchet Mountain SBA tower removal bond; 4) FS&G excavation restoration bond. TA apprises board he received information two weeks ago that the tower on M6/L61.2 is/or may be sold from AT&T to another entity. Current bond for this tower requires a Certified letter 30 days prior to cancellation.

Unfinished Business: 1) Web page update: G. Bernstein gives brief review of PB web presence change proposals. Discussion. Consensus: G. Bernstein and TA J. Pike will make suggested changes as per hierarchy handouts and place existing documents into new hierarchy; 2) Broad band update: G. Bernstein provides brief review of the broadband survey questionnaire results. Response was above expectations and provides needed info relative to community broadband needs. Work of committee continues.

Other Business: 1) Shattuck update: Chair K. Fitzgerald met with M. Shattuck last week and provided review of different filing procedures and requirements available from the Planning Board. The family is working with an engineer. Chair suggested the expertise of their engineer is a great resource for them. The board awaits their decision on a chosen proposal.

Action items: 1) G. Bernstein and TA J. Pike will make changes to the Planning Board web page presence, after which, PB will review and decide on any further changes at that time.

Next meeting: ZOOM, 6:30pm on Tuesday, August 18, 2020.
Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.