The Planning Board Town of Francestown, NH Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2017

Chairman Larry Ames called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

**Members Present**: Linda Kunhardt, Larry Ames, Betsy Hardwick, Selectmen Representative Abigail Arnold, Lisa Stewart, Robert Lindgren, Sarah Pyle, Alternate Karen Fitzgerald, Alternate Ruth Behrsing, Alternate Tom Anderson

## Members Absent: none

In attendance: Town Administrator Jamie Pike, Fire Chief Larry Kullgren, Lt. Dave Hanlon, Judi Miller, Charlie Pyle, Selectman Brad Howell, Stewart Brock, Bill McAuley, Road Agent Gary Paige, Town Moderator Paul Lawrence, minutes clerk Kaela Law

## Review of Minutes - November 7, 2017

Motion: To approve the November 7, 2017 meeting minutes.

Vote: (6-0-2) Lisa Stewart and Robert Lindgren abstained. The motion carried.

## CIP Workshop - 5:35 - Overview of 2018 CIP - (worksheet)

6:00 - Fire Department L.Kullgren - Discussion regarding new radio equipment. Additionally, the Fire Department will pursue writing for a grant to replace all the SCBA packs and the compressor at the fire station for \$165,000. Grant writing process will be a few years, there is a need for the CIP process (\$10,000) to go ahead in the meantime to replace 10 bottles this year with the appropriation from town meeting, due to a 15 year shelf life.

6:30 - Highway Department G.Paige – Discussion to replace a 1-ton 2005 truck with 90,000 miles on it for a \$75,000 one-ton plow and sander. Additionally, there are 60 miles and 350 culverts and no backhoe. Discussion to purchase a rubber tire backhoe. -2019 to update the sidewalk tractors. Looking to start saving money to put toward the culvert on 47.

7:00 - Police Department – Cruiser replacement presented by Jamie Pike on behalf of Chief Douglas. At the 80,000 mile benchmark there are escalated maintenance costs and reduction in trade-in values. Looking to replace with a 2017 Interceptor to include a new laptop.

7:30 – P.Lawrence – Discussion to transition to an electronic ballot counter. \$3,500 capital costs with additional operating costs of \$12,000 every 4-year cycle. Add another 4 voting booths, potentially by the next presidential election.

B.McAuley - Discussion of Heritage Museum Basement Floor. Looking for a concrete slab, 4-inches of crushed stone with a vapor barrier and 4-inches of concrete. Sand will be taken and put in a pile at the Highway Department without charge. Cost for a stairwell would be cost prohibitive, there is no interest in adding a stairwell. There is no interest in adding heating to the building, which will remain an open barn concept. Two windows were added downstairs that bring in adequate light during the day, there is no interest in additional lighting. Museum is not open at night and not open in the winter. Slab is to prevent moisture. J.Pike noted: \$4400 quote included a great amount of donated labor from Francestown Sand and Gravel. Asking for \$7500 assuming they won't have the same level of donated labor for next year. 50% of the CIP and 50% from the Thulander Trust.

**Master Plan Update:** Review schedule of sections to be completed and/or brought to public hearing – **ACTION ITEM**. Post a Notice of Master Plan Education Sub-Committee openings.

**Announcements and Communications**: In need of an annual letter from Crotched Mountain for their notice of night skiing. **ACTION ITEM**. Contact Crotched Mountain Ski and Ride and request a letter of notice of operating hours for 2017/2018 winter season. And to BOS/Police Chief.

**Other Business:** Discussion that plastic might come out of the recycle program.

Next meeting: December 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. 6:30pm - CIP discussions

Meeting Adjourned 7:55pm