

The Planning Board
Town of Franconia, NH
Meeting Minutes
November 28, 2018

Karen Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

Members Present: Karen Fitzgerald, Linda Kunhardt, Lisa Stewart, Sarah Pyle Alternate Tom Anderson (sitting in as a voting member)

Members Absent: Robert Lindgren, Betsy Hardwick, Alternate Gerri Bernstein, Selectmen Representative Abigail Arnold, Alternate Ruth Behrsing

In attendance: Judi Miller, Charlie Pyle, Selectman Henry Kunhardt, Selectman Brad Howell, Town Administrator Jamie Pike, Stewart Brock, Road Agent Gary Paige, minutes clerk Kaela Law

Public discussion and review of CIP - Capital Improvement Program

Town Administrator Jamie Pike presented an overview of the CIP. Fire Department is looking to change to a 3-vehicle department to purchase a pumper/tanker combination vehicle in 2025. Fire Department has been granted (SCBA) \$136,000 from the Federal Government. Old County Rd. North Bridge construction 2029 at best. As such, talk ensued regarding the eliminating the Capital Reserve Fund for the bridge replacements for the next 6 years. Members of the Planning Board members thought it would behoove us for continuing the Capital Reserve Fund to be more self-sufficient as state funding is tight. State Legislature Bridge Aid Program is fully committed through 2024. Selectman Kunhardt is not fully comfortable with the \$100,000 in the Capital Reserve Fund in the year 2024. Planning Board will revisit this conversation at a later time. Municipal Next year full measure re-evaluation assessment of homes \$73,200.00. Road Reconstruction Bible Hill Rd Phases 2 of 2 (2020), and then Red House Road (2022). Replacement of a snowblower this coming year. Main Street residents are requesting snow removal in "the village" rather than blowing snow into neighboring yards from each other. S.Pyle wondered whether we can overlap these two issues and have the sidewalk snow removal hired out. G. Paige stated he uses the machine for many other projects in town aside from blowing snow. If the town votes to contract for snow removal, the Highway Department would maintain the existing tractor. Parking lot upgrades at the Police Station and Town Hall. Ski Rental Building Demolition on the mountain. Roof replacements on town buildings and town hall painting. Library geo-thermal unit part-replacements. The refrigeration unit is coming to the end of its life-cycle. Question raised regarding switching to oil or propane systems. Selectman Kunhardt made a quick case for the fact that geothermal is both heat and air conditioning and the system is currently working. It was \$150,000 project at the time (2008) and it has not seen return on investment at this time. Line change to be called Climate Control Replacement rather than Geo-Thermal Replacement. Re-brick the back of the library, which is crumbling. Rec. Department shed at the baseball fields. S.Pyle requested cooperation between the drainage upgrades at the horse sheds and the drainage system at the Beehive. Selectman Kunhardt doesn't foresee a conflict between the two projects.

Meeting adjourned 7:45pm