## The Planning Board

Town of Francestown, NH

**Meeting Minutes** 

April 16, 2019

Karen Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 6:35pm

**Members Present**: Betsy Hardwick, Karen Fitzgerald, Linda Kunhardt, Sarah Pyle, Selectmen Representative Abigail Arnold, Robert Lindgren, Gerri Bernstein

Members Absent: Alternate Tom Anderson

**In attendance**: Selectmen: Henry Kunhardt, Brad Howell, and Jamie Pike, Kim Dalley, Charlie Pyle, minutes clerk Kaela Law

6:30 pm - Joint Meeeting with Select Board: re: discuss district designation for the 79e incentive. What is the village proper? Harbage, Map 14 Lot 14, to Thulander Map 13 Lot 4. Discussion regarding the zone included for RSA 79e, and the question as to why not push down the Turnpike or 136? Could the whole town qualify on an application case by case basis? The whole town cannot be designated. The RSA is to help revitalize a "downtown." The discussion is to outline the core district for the statute of 79e. The Village District was designated in the 1970s or earlier and the boards were wondering why the Village District was outlined as such back then. There is a Master Plan Village District map, and a text to describe it. R.Lindgren directed the discussion to a series of options. Option 1. Main street "proper" Thulander to Harbage. Option 2. Village District as outlined per the Village District map (which needs updating) and text. Option 3. Where town water is defined. Option 4. otherwise known as Henry's District or what "feels" like the village.

Abigail Arnold stated that this is not a discussion to kick off an Economic Development Plan, 79e was to address that there are a few buildings on Main Street that are close to becoming derelict buildings that could use a bit of help to revitalize the older buildings themselves. This RSA applies to just existing structures.

R.Lindgren spoke in favor of using The Village District (option 2) as it is already established. A. Arnold was in favor of focusing on just Main St. "proper" (option 1). Many were in favor of "the Henry District" (option 4). Joint portion of the meeting ended. Selectmen went into a closed discussion. Selectmen Representative Abigail Arnold joined them.

Announcements and Communications: Jamie Pike sent an article regarding fiber Broadband titled: In a first for New Hampshire, a small town is paying to get fiber-to-the-home broadband for all by David Brooks. ... L.Kunhardt will forward this article along to Alfred Eisenberg.

Correspondence between PB and a person enquiring on a parcel off Todd Rd.

Thank you letter to Rebecca Harris for her volunteer work.

Traffic Counts data package SNHPC 2019 Transportation Programs. Discussion regarding which roads should PB have checked for the next year? Back Mountain Rd at rt 47. Also Mountain Rd by rt 47. L.Kunhardt to send a note to the Selectmen.

DES sent a letter to the golf course regarding their lagoons with a list of concerns.

A copy of the emergency plan from the Francestown Village Water Company.

Review of Minutes:

**Motion:** (Kunhardt/second Pyle) Move to approve the 5/19/19 minutes as presented.

**Vote**: (6-0-0) The motion carries.

Unfinished Business: 1) resolve lack of "Francestown Zoning Map" as referenced in Article II

DISTRICTS Sec. 2.4 Boundaries; L.Kunhardt stated PB is in need of an appended map. There is a 1969 Map. A 1972 map was expanded. These are the most recent copies of a map. Suggestion to ask Bart (should have his full name) what his opinion is. Ordinance is calling for a certified map, and would require a survey. K.Fitzgerald a survey is only necessary for a street plan.

**Motion**: (Kunhardt/second Pyle) To begin the process of updates to the Zoning Ordinance by either adding the "Francestown Zoning Map" as required by Article II Districts Section 2.4 Boundaries or removing section 2.4 paragraph.

Vote: (6-0-0) The motion carries.

2) resolve lack of Master Plan "Table of Contents" S.Pyle is working on scheduling the next committee meeting when all members are in town. The Master Plan Committee will get the Planning Board an updated roster. Karen Fitzgerald, Sarah Pyle, Betsy Hardwick and Tom Anderson

New Business: Is Lisa Heath interested in being a PB alternate? Should the PB solicit specific members? Next Meeting: May 21, 2019 Meeting Adjourned: 8:05pm