

The Planning Board
Town of Francestown, NH
Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2017

Chairman Larry Ames called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

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

Members Absent: Robert Lindgren – Karen Fitzgerald sat in as a voting member

Alternates Absent: Ruth Behrsing

In attendance: Tom Hoey, Representative from Fieldstone Mr. Chamberlain, Town Administrator Jamie A. Pike, minutes clerk Kaela Law

New Business – Tax Map 9 Lot 17-2

800 Poor Farm Rd. Tom Hoey, requesting Planning Board approval for a Sediment and Erosion Control Plan for a driveway, as required by the Francestown Driveway Regulations.

-driveway at a previously used logging clearing

Motion: (Larry Ames/Abigail Arnold) To accept the proposal for planning board review, with additional copies for viewing; schedule a site visit; discuss and make a final decision at the next meeting either October 3rd or Oct 17th

Vote: (6-1-0) The motion carried.

Review of Minutes – August 15, 2017

Pg 11 Lisa Stewart stated that Francestown sand and gravel had NOT moved its base of operations to Bennington

Motion: (Linda Kundhart) To approve the August 15, 2017 meeting minutes as amended.

Vote: (6-0-1) Sarah Pyle abstained. The motion carried.

2018 CIP Overview – Jamie Pike presented

Other Business: Jamie Pike has been tasked to collaborate with the road agent to administer a Roadside Vegetation Control Program. Mr. Pike informed the board the program will be coming before the Planning Board at a public hearing for scenic roads. He asked the board's recommendation about the possibility of receiving a general approval rather than a tree by tree

basis for scenic roads, which will still have to go through extensive homeowner outreach. Any tree over a 4-inch diameter needs to be evaluated. (*discussion ensued*)

Motion: (Abigail/Pyle) To ask the road agent, for the Scenic Road Hearings, to flag every tree over the 4-inch threshold and to request the removal of any limb. (*discussion ensued – Scenic Road Hearings will be road by road basis, not a town-wide policy*)

Vote: (7-0-0) – The motion carried.

Button Up NH – Planning Board will “sponsor” the meeting.

SNHPC – Guy sent an email that held prevalent information that the planning board will go through to cross-check policies and examine whether updates are necessary to accommodate new state legislation – Linda Kundhart will take that task.

Master Plan Update – Members brought forth questions/changes to consider. Discussion ensued. Decisions were reached either (change made) or (no changes made).

Pg 16: Larry Ames -Asked that acronyms be spelled out – change made ; Questioned acreage that Francetown Land Trust owned. It was explained the graph data cutoff date was December 2016, indicated at the top - no change made

Pg 18: Linda Kundhart – Strike the word “also” from the second to last sentence. – change made ; Last sentence should read, “Current use, a temporary non-development restriction, appears to continue to play an important role in Francetown’s land use pattern.” – no change made

Pg 23: Linda Kundhart -Strike “however” – no change made to 1st, change made to 2nd.

Pg 24: Linda Kundhart - Suggested the sentence read, “Conduct *an* audit... to ensure provisions are in compliance – change made

Current land-Use Map: Linda Kundhart – Questioned whether the footnote was accurate, that all the data came from where it says, even though the Master Plan Committee corrected the maps in some instances. – no change made

Larry Ames – built_codes – remove codes – change made

Linda Kundhart – prefers the map without the green – Karen will look to see if there is a copy without it

Master Plan Committee will incorporate the changes that the Planning Board has implemented, format and get the next version ready. Board will receive and copy edit prior to the October 17th meeting, at which time a vote to take it to public hearing will be made.

Action Item for L.Ames to contact the ZBA to get official communication regarding Tax Map 9 Lot 17-2 (Hoey) – email Conservation Commission for their official input

Next Meeting: October 3rd at 5:45 pm before the 6:30pm meeting for Tax Map 9 Lot 17-2 (Hoey)

8:15pm meeting adjourned.