The Planning Board Town of Francestown, NH Meeting Minutes October 17, 2017

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

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

Members Absent: Robert Lindgren – Ruth Behrsing sat in as a voting member; Alternate Tom Anderson

In attendance: minutes clerk Kaela Law

Review of Minutes – October 3, 2017

L.Kunhardt – "reported on town policies affected" ; B.Hardwick – "50 feet around wetland except where there are approved structures" and "a qualified monitoring agent" and "did not approve expediting the plan" ; L.Kunhardt "total disturbed area"

Motion: To approve the October 3, 2017 meeting minutes as amended.

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

Master Plan Update

Pg 8: L.Kunhardt - retype the chart, rather than using jpeg. L.Ames - footnote 2 should read "demographic section" (no change made). Pg 10 - B.Hardwick "over 1100 acres of Tree Farms."
R.Behrsing – discussion regarding "active gravel pits" (will be further discussed at next meeting). Pg 16 - A.Arnold "between 80 – 100 attendees at each meeting"

Motion: (S.Pyle/R.Behrsing) To take this Land Use Section of the Master Plan to a public hearing. Make corrections in the Natural Resource Inventory section and bring them to the public hearing as an amendment.

Discussion ensued. L.Kunhardt. "In the Natural Resources Inventory there is an inconsistency between the table for the Surface Water Map and the actual information on the Surface Water Map. The Board has determined to correct the inconsistency on the table to match the correct information on the map and the Board has also determined to rectify in the Zoning Ordinance,

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the correct reference for section 2-A.6.2 to be the Natural Resource Inventory Surface Water Map."

Vote: (7-0-0) The motion carried

Announcements and Communications -

Discussion of Scenic Road Hearing along Old County Road North. It was determined that no formal site visit would be necessary prior to the hearing. Members were encouraged to visit individually.

Action Item – L.Kunhardt/L.Ames will advertise the Scenic Road Hearings with the Monadnock Ledger on 10/26 and 10/31. Scenic Road Hearing will be on 7 November. L.Kunhardt/L.Ames will advertise with the Monadnock Ledger on 10/26 and 10/31 the Master Plan Public Hearing on 7 November. L.Kunhardt noted that hard copies must be available on the day the hearing will be noticed.

Zoning Ordinance &; Regulation 2017 Updates

L.Ames printed for Planning Board reference the NH Municipal Association Calendar of important dates for Zoning Ordinance changes. Also available on the NH Munici[al Association website under 'Resources'

L.Ames – The Code Enforcement Officer asked the Planning Board to readdress the zoning ordinance regarding fences. The intent of present ordinance is that fences are considered on a case by case basis. Discussion ensued. L.Ames stated that certain nearby towns specify a fence height restriction and criteria. L.Kunhardt made an example of taller deer fencing. Should there be new regulations or guidelines? Should the Planning Board continue with case by case basis? Discussion is ongoing.

Next meeting November 7, 2017 – Public Hearing

Meeting Adjourned 8:00pm

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