

PLANNING BOARD Minutes
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN, NEW HAMPSHIRE
March 19th, 2024

Members Present: Bob Lindgren, Gerri Bernstein Scot Heath (ex-officio), Sarah Pyle, Betsy Hardwick, Greg Neilley, Susan Kane

Minutes prepared by: Amanda Burton

Bob Lindgren called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

The Board held a preliminary consultation with Meridian Land Services regarding potential development within the steep slopes district on the parcel Tax Map 15, Lot 9. Taylor Hennis presented from Meridian Land Services on behalf of the applicant. The Board suggested that the *Sediment and Erosion Control Plan* would need to be reviewed by Francestown's engineer (Kevin Leonard of Northpoint Engineering, LLC) before the board would be able to rule on the plan. The applicant agreed to proceed with Kevin Leonard's review.

The Board held a post-decision consultation with Brenda and Lester Greenwood and their attorney regarding the board's decision on Case # 23-SD-03 on Bible Hill Road, Tax Map 9, Lots 9-26.02, 9-22.01, and 9-23. The Greenwoods are interested in moving access to the residence on Map 9, Lot 26.02 from Bible Hill Road to the existing right of way used as a common driveway by Map 9, Lot 25 and Map 9, Lot 26.1. Because that change would create a common driveway used by two single family dwellings AND the communications tower lot, the board stated that such a change would be in violation of the Zoning Ordinance and thus a Variance from the ZBA is required.

Bob Lindgren moved a slate of officers for 2024-2025-

- Gerri Bernstein, Chair
- Greg Neilley , Board Secretary
- Sarah Pyle, Vice Chair

Susan Kane seconds. **Vote In Favor:** Greg Neilley, Betsy Hardwick, Scot Heath, Sarah Pyle, Gerri Berstein, Susan Kane, Bob Lindgren.

Sarah Pyle moved to add Greg Neilley to Rules and Regulations Committee (currently Sarah Pyle, Gerri Bernstein, Betsy Hardwick). Bob Lindgren seconded. **Vote In Favor:** Gerri Bernstein, Susan Kane, Betsy Hardwick, Scot Heath, Greg Neilley, Bob Lindgren, Sarah Pyle.

Gerri Bernstein moved to add Susan Kane and Kayla Law to the CRC Committee (currently Sarah Pyle and Gerri Bernstein). Betsy Hardwick seconded. **Vote In Favor:** Scot Heath, Bob Lindgren, Sarah Pyle, Susan Kane, Greg Neilley, Betsy Hardwick, Gerri Bernstein.

Betsy Hardwick discussed progress on the Master Plan update. Greg Neilley moved to add Scot Heath to the Master Plan Committee. Betsy Hardwick seconded. **Vote In Favor:** Bob Lindgren, Sarah Pyle, Gerri Bernstein, Susan Kane, Greg Neilley, Betsy Hardwick, Bob Lindgren.

The board discussed alternates for 2024-2025. Chris Danforth's term as alternate has not expired. The board agreed to post two alternate positions for discussion at the next meeting.

The board approved the proposed minutes from February 20, 2024.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 16th , 2024 discussing Eversource and Bitterli There will be a Site Walk on Bitterli before that meeting at 5:30PM.

The board discussed the need to add a second meeting each month to discuss pro-active work. The board agrees to begin those extra meetings on May 7th .

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm