### THE PLANNING BOARD Town of Francestown Francestown, New Hampshire 03043

### May 5, 2009 APPROVED MINUTES

Planning Board Members Present: Lisa Stewart, Linda Kunhardt, Chairman Bob Lindgren, Mike Tartalis, Sarah Pyle.

Members of the Public: Henry Kunhardt, Polly Freese, Betsy Hardwick, BJ Carbee, Kris Stewart.

Melissa Stewart is taking the minutes.

Chairman Lindgren brought the meeting to order at 7:22 pm.

### <u>Public Hearing - Scenic Road Tree-Cutting on Poor Farm Rd.</u> <u>Case #09-SR-1</u>

Notice was posted in two places 12 days prior, as well as being noticed in the Transcript/Ledger 2wks prior to meeting and then again 10 days prior to the meeting.

Lindgren reads letter from PSNH dated April 28, 2009.

Lindgren provides board with pole plan.

Lindgren reads work order request for trimming to the board.

Pyle moves to allow removal of two Red Maples as noted in letter dated April 28, 2009. Tartalis seconds. All in favor.

## Discussion on the Meaning of Slope in the Zoning Ordinance

Henry Kunhardt approaches the board and gives basic definitions of slopes and provides the board with slope interception and worksheet on engineer's "slope". Kunhardt discusses cut and fills, slopes, Gabian walls etc. and explains contours. Board asks Kunhardt to help them to define how to determine a steep slope so that the regulations can be changed to make sure all members of the board understand the regulations and ordinance. Currently the board is using the pre-construction slope to determine whether it is a steep slope or not. Lindgren asks when should the board look at finished slopes and should they determine what the max of a finished driveway can be. Bob reads a few town concepts of steep slopes. Lindgren asks Pyle to research other towns steep slope ordinances and bring back to the board for more discussion.

#### Review of Minutes

The minutes for the March  $17^{th}$ , and April  $21^{st}$  meetings will be continued to May  $19^{th}$ .

### Development Process to Investigate and bring forward possible changes to the Zoning Ordinance and Site Plan Development Regulations Regarding Commmercial and Residential Wind Power Generation

Lindgren shows board an article in the Ledger regarding wind towers in Antrim. Lindgren wants the board to seriously look into wind turbine ordinances as it could help the town generate revenue as well as provide an alternative power source. Is this something the town would embrace, what are other towns doing? Stewart and Pyle will work on this as they offered in the last meeting. Stewart provided Lindgren with her current research and will continue to update board with progress.

# Development Process for Updating Master Plan

Lindgren reads page 452 in NH Planning and Land Use Regulation 08-09' edition. Lindgren wants a section in the Master Plan to be updated. Lindgren will follow up with Ben Watson regarding research that was conducted and compiled by an outside consultant previously regarding the Master Plan and obtain the documentation from Watson.

Lindgren would like the Vision section to be worked on and Kunhardt may be interested in working on updating the land use section and the NRI also needs to be written. Board discusses possibly hiring an outside consultant to look at the natural water resources section.

# Announcement and Communications

Lisa requests that at the next board meeting the board makes clerical corrections to the subdivision regulations.

The next meeting will be held May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Items on the agenda are the continuation of the Palmer case, corrections to the subdivision regs and review of minutes, Master Plan update.

Meeting is adjourned at 9:45pm.