

THE PLANNING BOARD
Town of Frankestown
Frankestown, NH 03043

January 12, 2010

PROPOSED MINUTES

Planning Board Members Present: Abigail Arnold (CIP Chair), Bob Lindgren (Chairman), Sarah Pyle, Mike Tartalis (alt.), Larry Johnson, Ben Watson.

Members of the Public: Betsy Hardwick, Tom Anderson, Charlie Pyle, Nick Wilder, Henry Kunhardt, Maureen von Rosenvinge, Larry Kullgren, Dave Kullgren, Brian Delahanty, Betsy Wiederhold, Dick Foote, Becky Moul, Scott Carbee.

Ben Watson is taking the minutes in the absence of Minutes Clerk Melissa Stewart.

Abigail Arnold brings the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Arnold then presents an overview of the town's Capital Improvement Program for 2010-2015, the purposes of the CIP, and the Planning Board's role in the process.

Departmental reviews follow, with representatives from the various departments present.

Emergency Management

Emergency Management Director Paul St. Cyr is not present at the meeting. Arnold asks the Selectmen present (Hardwick and Anderson) whether they know of any capital funding requests; both indicate at this time they do not.

Solid Waste Commission

Becky Moul discussion a plan that has been developed for facility improvements at the town Transfer Station. This includes pouring concrete pads, modifications to existing buildings, and fencing to be run around the entire perimeter of the station, as per state regulations. She estimates \$7,848.00 as the cost for pouring two concrete pads, and a rough estimate of \$30,000 for the cost of the entire project. Moul suggests that the town take \$8,000 from undesignated fund surplus to pay for the concrete pads.

Discussion ensues as to whether it is necessary to appropriate any money this year and do the job in phases, or whether it would be wiser to do the work all at one time. The consensus seems to be that it would be better to wait and do the whole project at once.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Larry Kullgren presents the main capital item for 2010, which would be the purchase of a new chassis for the #2 tanker. Previous estimates for an entirely new trunk/tank were \$292,000. Deputy Chief Brian Delahanty indicates that the estimate for buying a new

chassis and keeping the existing poly tank would be around \$261,000 to \$263,000.

Delahanty explains that, after this year, there won't be an option to purchase a chassis that meets the 2007 emissions standard, and that EPA will require it meet the new 2010 standard, which would add an estimated \$15,000 to \$18,000 to the purchase price.

Also, the new vehicle would have an International automatic transmission, which will be a big upgrade over the 18-speed manual transmission of the current tanker; only 7 members of the fire company are capable of driving the current tanker, and Chief Kullgren says this limits its availability in some response situations.

Captain Dave Kullgren estimates that the fire company would contribute from its funds around \$5,000 in "loose equipment" that would go with the new tanker. Chief Kullgren estimates that the total contribution from fundraising toward the purchase of the new tanker would be roughly \$20,000.

Discussion of fire ponds ensues. Henry Kunhardt says that fire ponds are only factor taken into account when ISO is setting town insurance ratings, and that training and equipment have not yet been taken into account. However, the process of evaluating town watersources and fire pond locations is proceeding.

Cemetery Commission

Betsy Wiederhold says that the CC has no requirements for reserve funding this year. However, she says that the commission is looking into purchasing additional land in future, particularly in response to inquiries made about "green burial" options. At present, there is no area designated for this, although there is provision for "cremains" at Cemetery #3.

Heritage Commission

Maureen von Rosenvinge provides an update on the efforts of a volunteer group working with the Heritage Commission to gather information needed for the renovation of the Town Hall/Academy building. Grants have been submitted to LCHIP and the NH Charitable Fund, as well as others in process. UNH will conduct a "capacity study" focused on what residents would like to see the Town Hall used for in future, and a preliminary engineering study will cost \$15,000.

She asks the Board to consider opening a new Capital Reserve account, a Historic Building Fund, and ask voters to move a nominal \$500.00 amount into the new account from the existing Town Building Improvement reserve fund.

Discussion ensues, and the consensus is that, if the reason for establishing this new account is to demonstrate to potential funding sources that the Town supports the Town Hall renovation, then the Town Building Improvement reserve (with an estimated \$76,000 in reserves as of January 2010) is sufficient to point to, since any or all of that reserve account could be appropriated for a Town Hall renovation project by a vote of the Town.

A general discussion of the Town Building Improvement reserve funding, specifically whether the Town is setting aside enough money for future needs, in particular the Town Hall renovation.

The meeting is adjourned at approximately 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Benjamin A. Watson, Secretary
January 14, 2010*