THE PLANNING BOARD Town of Francestown Francestown, NH 03043

January 18, 2011

CIP Workshop MINUTES

Planning Board Members Present: Bob Lindgren (Chairman), Linda Kunhardt, Sarah Pyle, Larry Johnson, Mike Tartalis, and Lisa Stewart.

CIP Coordinator: Abigail Arnold

Meeting is to order at 7:05 pm.

Capital Improvement Program

CIP Coordinator Abigail Arnold gives Board a revised worksheet based on last weeks discussion. New plan will see the town through the reconstruction of Pleasant Pond Road and Bible Hill Road. By taking \$20k out of the budget this year and over the next 6 years the cumulative total will be \$103k by 2017.

Police

Chief Steve Bell and Officer Mike Abel presented on behalf of the Francestown Police Department. Chief Bell discussed the plan to trade out the current Tahoe cruiser, as it is now due to be replaced. Discussed options of a Ford Expedition versus a Chevy Tahoe. A Ford is about \$4k cheaper than a Chevy.

Various issues of use, repairs, and costs associated with repairs and reliability was discussed, as well as a SUV vs. a passenger car as the replacement cruiser. Members of the Board and the police expressed support for a new SUV as the cruiser.

Chief Bell discussed the issue of purchasing a new traffic counter. The new counter would have multiple uses and could be used by the Planning Board for Master Plan data. The cost of the traffic counter is \$3,110.00. The NH Highway Safety will provide a matching grant.

The Board discussed with Chief Bell existing problem of the police station not being ADA or juvenile status offender compliant. Bell agreed that the problem still exists and needs to be corrected. A. Arnold asked when FIHS might be moving out of the adjacent space. C. Pyle advised there is no timetable, but construction on the Beehive has started.

<u>Highway</u>

Otherwise occupied. No new items to discuss. New items for purchase have been pushed out by a year.

Have received a grant for Russell Station Road --- town will need to pay for 25%, but has no effect on the tax rate for this year.

S. Pyle asked why the level of spending went up from last week on equipment. Was \$70k now \$75k. A. Arnold is looking at the net fiscal impact, rescheduled some funding without getting the own into trouble later.

S. Pyle asked whether there was anyone else on the Board who felt the Town Building fund should be increased. No one else felt as though this was a problem at this time. Pyle expressed that she was uncomfortable and that the Board might be giving the town the impression that the Board doesn't feel town Buildings are important.

Arnold asked if the Board really wanted to reduce by \$20k, as the Selectman can always change it.

B. Lindgren moves to accept and recommend the current CIP as presented. L. Johnson seconds.

No discussion from the Board on the motion.

Motion passed 5-1 (Pyle opposed).

Other Business

This is the last week to sign up for positions on the Board. Board positions of Ben Watson and Sarah Pyle are available. B. Lindgren will contact Jennifer Vadney and Bill McNeil to possibly fill the vacancies.

Next meeting is February 1 at 7:00 pm.

Meeting is adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara T. Martin, Minutes Clerk January 25, 2011