

*THE PLANNING BOARD
Town of Francestown
Francestown, NH 03043*

January 11, 2011

*CIP Workshop
MINUTES*

Planning Board Members Present: Bob Lindgren (Chairman), Linda Kunhardt, Sarah Pyle, Larry Johnson, Ben Watson, Bill McNeil, and Lisa Stewart.

CIP Coordinator: Abigail Arnold

Chairman Lindgren calls the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Capital Improvement Program Overview

CIP Coordinator Abigail Arnold gives the Board a 30-minute, line-by-line overview of the proposed Capital Improvement Program for Francestown. A. Arnold advises that the target net spending remains flat for 2011 at approximately \$490,000. A. Arnold further expresses a concern for under funding of infrastructure improvements. Arnold believes this will come back to “bite us” in the future.

Arnold explained the major changes to the 2011 plan to be issues of the clock at the Old Meeting House, as well as the gilded eagle at the Town Hall and the roof at the police station. The roof for the police station may be deferred to next year. See attached CIP Overview.

Emergency Management

Emergency Management made no requests.

Fire Department

Skip Kulgren and Brian Delahanty presented on behalf on the Francestown Volunteer Firefighters. Kulgren advised that the department is in need of new air packs. Presently the FVFD has ten good air packs, and ten that are ten years old and no longer in compliance. They will be purchasing two new air packs this year. Kulgren further advised that the department would like to purchase a second Jaws of Life, as the current one is six years old.

Kulgren advised, and the Board recognized that FVFD does a great deal of their own fundraising (through the Labor Day Supper, etc.). Kulgren expressed his desire to have the FVFD less involved in raising money for new trucks.

Kulgren, Delanhanty and the Board discussed possible future stipend for volunteers to the department. Kulgren advised he did not yet have good numbers to proceed with further discussion. Various other issues of compensation and reimbursement were discussed.

Library

No new plans were presented.

Cemetery

No new plans were presented.

Recreation Department

No new plans were presented.

Selectmen

Maureen von Rosenvinge and Bill McAuley discussed various issues with the Board. Such matters included annex re-roofing, clock repair and gilding of the eagle. Board recommended the annex roof be done this year and the others items should be considered next year.

Discussion continued on the matter of milfoil at Scoby Pond, the treatment thereof and the ongoing implications of, and commitment to, such treatment. The Board proposed spending \$17,000 this year ---\$12,000 of which the Town will pay, the balance would be paid through a grant.

B. Watson suggested looking into other options in handling the milfoil problem. Watson volunteers to look into alternatives.

Planning Board recommends the \$17,000 for milfoil treatment be placed on the Warrant Article.

Board discussed shifting Capital Improvement fund to Operating Budget

Town Hall

Maureen von Rosenvinge advised the Board of the current status of renovations to the Town Hall. M. von Rosenvinge recommends that more money needs to go into funding buildings sooner than 2013. She advises the Board that what ever grants they do get will need to be

matched by the town. She advised that the results of the survey indicate that 80%-90% of residents want the Town Hall saved and used.

L. Kunhardt suggests exploring other options for using funds and being more flexible in how the funds are used. S. Pyle points out that the level of funding for building improvements is inadequate and in the past the funding was more.

Board discussed shifting some funds from the road budget to other projects (lower road, raise town buildings).

A. Arnold requested comments from the quieter Board members. B. McNeil shared his experience with milfoil as a property owner on Pleasant Pond. McNeil expressed his view on the involvement of Pleasant Pond owners and milfoil, as well as road maintenance. McNeil does not agree with any reduction in road funding.

The Selectman moved the appropriation of funds for the Grapevine (in Antrim) out of the Operating Budget to a separate Warrant Article, as there are few Frankestown residents who actually utilize the services provided by the Grapevine.

Meeting is adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Barbara T. Martin, Minutes Clerk
January 17, 2011*