

**THE PLANNING BOARD
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

November 27, 2012

MINUTES

Planning Board Members Present: L. Kunhardt, M.Tartalis, A.Arnold, H.Camirand, P.Tolman, L.Ames

Others Present: Tom Anderson, Pat Terry

Barb Martin is taking the minutes.

The meeting was brought to order at 7:00 pm.

Announcements and Communications

None.

Review of Minutes

October 16, 2012: Motion to accept as presented: A. Arnold, 2nd: H. Camirand. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

New Business

7:10 pm Public Hearing

To see if the Francestown Planning Board will adopt by reference and incorporate into the Francestown Master Plan the 2010 Piscataquog River Management Plan Update and the 2010 Piscataquog Watershed Land Conservation Plan.

The Public Hearing was properly noticed on November 15, 2012 in the Ledger-Transcript, posted in the Town Offices and the Post Office on November 15, 2012. The Agenda was posted on November 24, 2012 in the Town Offices and Post Office. The Documents were available for review beginning on 11/15/2012 at both the Selectmen's Office and the George Holmes Bixby Memorial Library.

Chair referenced paragraph 2 of the October 16, 2012 minutes and the statement by Betsy Hardwick (Conservation Commission) and Kevin Holdrege (Dir. Of Emergency Management) support the plans.

Discussion by the board of the Plans. What are goals and practices are recommendations and what is mandatory.

Discussion about residential property owners and how plans might affect them, as 34% of the land in Frankestown is in the total Core Focus Area as defined in the Piscataquog Water Land Conservation Plan of 2010.

Discussion about natural resources and conservation plans.

Motion to adopt pursuant to RSA 674;4 and RSA 675;6 the 2010 Piscataquog River Management Plan Update by Kunhardt. 2nd by Ames.

Vote: All in Favor, motion passed (6 – 0).

Motion to adopt pursuant to RSA 674;4 and RSA 675;6 the 2010 Piscataquog Watershed Land Conservation Plan by Arnold, 2nd Camirand.

Vote: All in Favor, motion passed (6 – 0).

Public Hearing ends at 7:40 pm.

7:40 Public Hearing

To see if the Frankestown Planning Board will adopt changes to the Site Development Regulations. The majority of the changes are “housekeeping” issues.

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Discussion by board regarding changes; HIS, SSS and fee schedule.

Hearing is opened to the public for discussion.

Board wants to change Site Development Regulation Appendix A Fee Schedule. Propose #6E become #7.

Appendix B Final Application for Site Approval, page 3 of 9, section 5: Correct it to Section 4, B5. Page 9 of 9: correct at word “unless.” Checklist “C”

Appendix C, section 5: the reference should be to Sections 4, B5.

Appendix D section 5 (page 56): should read “to save time.” Paragraph 2, line 2, should be “or”, not “of.”

Motion to adopt changes to the Site Development Regulations as posted and amended on November 27, 2012 by Arnold, 2nd Camirand.

Vote: All in Favor, motion passed (6 – 0).

New Business

Request for payment from the Master Plan Sub-Committee for \$152.58 to print and mail postcards.

Kunhardt reminded the sub-committee that final approval must come from the full Planning Board. Discussion of proper protocol. Payment is approved.

Crotched Mountain Ski and Ride

Discussion about what was still missing from the plan and must be provided prior to a compliance hearing.

P. Terry of Crotched Mountain advised the board they would like to be open on December 1 & 2, and December 8 & 9. The new lift has passed inspection, but they are still having lighting issues. Problems with the restrictive shields. The shields reduce the lighting too much and will require more lights to be installed in order for the hill to be safe to ski on.

Discussion about the lighting and the possible violation of the lighting ordinance. Discussion about lighting problem and approvals.

Chair advised the applicant to go forward with a compliance hearing.

Terry explained the problems with the light shields.

Board discussed as to the intention of the requirement for the restrictive light shield and how to proceed.

May need pictures of lights, report from lighting engineer to substantiate a change.

Revision to Site Plan Hearing may need to be scheduled and properly noticed.

Terry will meet with his people to discuss options; he will meet with the Planning Board to advise on how they wish to proceed. Meeting will be December 4, 2012 at 6:00 pm for a consultation.

Items received from applicant as reflected in the Notice of Decision of 4-9-12:

#1, #2, #3 and #6 have all been satisfied.
#4 remains outstanding.

Motion to adjourn by Camirand, 2nd Tolman.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2012 at 6 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Martin