

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

August 7, 2012  
**MINUTES**

Planning Board Members Present: L. Kunhardt, M. Tartalis, A. Arnold, L. Ames and P. Tollman.

Member of the Public Include: Gabby Camirand

The meeting was brought to order at 7:01 pm.

**Review of Minutes**

July 17, 2012: Motion to accept as presented: M. Tartalis. Motion passed 4 – 0 (Arnold abstains).

**Announcements and Communications**

Kunhardt advises the board an email was received from Town Administrative Assistant regarding an inquiry from the DES concerning aquifers (original inquiry was sent back in May 2012). DES was wondering why Frankestown had not responded. DES is offering a digital map. Kunhardt advised DES that Frankestown would like to have the digital map.

At 7:07 pm Jennifer Vadney joins the board.

Board discussed draft minutes of Conservation Commission meeting about Peak Resorts.

Board discussed possible action to be taken, as Planning Board was not aware of this situation.

Kunhardt suggested contacting ConCom and Danforth regarding the proposed changes. Board agreed. Will ask board member Bill McNeil to take a look at the site. Board further discussed the impact on wetlands.

Municipal Law Series Series is available to board members, and it is highly recommended that members attend. Kunhardt sent a packet via email to board members with the relevant information. Kunhardt would like members to register online if they wish to attend.

**Unfinished Business (continued)**

The Master Plan update continuation was presented L. Ames. Ames advised the committee was trying to keep the format comparable to prior questionnaires. Committee is trying to include such topics as the Town Hall.

Arnold presented some concerns on behalf of Betsy Hardwick (who could not attend). Hardwick believes the current sections on conservation are not well focused. Suggested a question where residents rank areas of most importance. Suggested using the Francestown Land Trust questionnaire format.

Arnold suggested some sections do not relate to Master Planning, such as police section.

Kunhardt expressed concern over the lack of anonymity in some of the questions.

Arnold made suggestions to help account for whole households vs. individuals.

Board discussed what and why the state requires from a Master Plan survey.

Tolman suggested the necessity of current information --- age, income, and etc. to better identify the true needs and wants of the town.

Board further discussed incorporating the Francestown Land Trust survey.

Discussion about Conservation and Recreational Land Acquisition section: Removal of the introduction, rename it to Conservation and Recreation, insert a portion of the Francestown Land Trust survey.

Transportation and Roads section: Should confirm and specify the actual cost of constructing 1 mile of road (paved or gravel). Discussion about specifics of roads questions and which roads, if any, should be listed for improvement.

Police section: Remove introduction, and possibly entire section.

Questionnaire Introduction: Should be modified, as the Master Plan does not relate to budget, it is about land use.

Transfer Station section: Discussion about relevance of cost questions, and the section in general. Questions should not be budget related.

Planning and Zoning section: Discussion about impact fees, wording of renewable energy generation facilities.

General discussion about what is to be accomplished. What information does the Board want and what is going to be done with that information?

Discussion about recreational districts, the use and permitting issues of multiple/mixed use zoning.

Main Street/Village section: Discussion of speed limit --- speed limit is set by the state. Some redundancy in questions.

Discussion about the history of Main Street, the traffic and parking.

Library section: Is it relevant?

Town Hall section: Needs to be worded so it does not reflect any personal feelings or wants.

Funding for the Future: Discussion about bonding and funding for major projects, trend lines and populations, upcoming large expenditures and the possible advantages and disadvantages of bonding.

School: discussion about the future of the school and what would happen if it closed.

Telecommunications and Utilities: Relevance?

Discussion about online electronic questionnaire.

Tolman suggested a question about water and satisfaction with water resources, as well as the ability to obtain private water resources.

Next meeting is scheduled for August 21, 2012 at 7 pm, unless otherwise noticed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Barb Martin