

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

January 8, 2013

MINUTES

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

Others Present:: Nick Wilder, Kerry Camirand, Michael Branley, Polly Freese, Sarah Pyle, Charlie Pyle, Abby Dawson, Betty Behrsing, Bill McAuley, Dick Levitt, Larry Kulgren, Dave Hanlon, Maureen von Roseninge, Donna Noonan, Henry Kunhardt, Tom Anderson, Betsy Hardwick, Becky Moul, Gloria Normile, John Arnold

Barb Martin is taking the minutes.

The meeting was brought to order at 6:31 pm.

Unfinished Business: CIP Long Term Focus

Arnold will give CIP overview.

Selectmen have set a target of a net increase of 3%. Unexpected revenue was received in 2012 to increase funding. Two supplemental tax bills, refund of payroll tax overpayment and a FEMA payment for snow removal. This is still not enough to cover all expenditures.

Highway department has negotiated a trade-in for the grader, and the town is largely back on track for vehicles. Several upcoming expenses will be covered.

Arnold encouraged the Planning Board to re-prioritize and address such issues as Town Hall.

Discussions ensued regarding the Meeting House Clock, cost to repair solar panel wall, furnace and exhaust system at the firehouse, and repairs to the police station. Discussion ensued about the old ski rental building. Building has become a safety hazard and needs to come down.

Additional items that need to be dealt with include removal of the backhoe from CIP – was this a good idea? Water at the cemetery is a problem. Several culvert and small bridge problems exist, as well as repairs to the Transfer Station and the eagle on top of the Town Hall.

Betsy Hardwick advised board of Emergency Management issue and the status of the fire ponds.

Larry Kulgren addressed the board concerning upcoming issues with the fire depart. Discussions ensued concerning replacement of defibrillators, radio communications changes, breathing apparatus equipment, furnaces, solar panel, and exhaust systems.

Donna Noonan addressed the board concerning Recreation Department issues. Discussion ensued concerning new Town Beach, milfoil at both Scoby and Pleasant Ponds.

Solid Waste Committee had nothing at this time.

Maureen von Rosenvinge addressed the board concerning the Town Hall. Discussion ensued regarding the status and cost of repairs, additional renovations and grants to help fund restoration of the Town Hall.

Discussion ensued concerning the state of the two bridges currently closed, the options and costs for repairs.

Nancy Hibbard addressed the board concerning the Library. Discussion ensued regarding the need for exterior paint and trim repairs, safety of the back of the building and the potential safety hazard that exists, resolution of geothermal issues.

Polly Freese and Ethel McStubbs addressed the board concerning the cemetery. Discussion ensued regarding sales of plots, water supply problems and faucets.

Review of Minutes: December 4, 2012

Postponed.

Announcements and Communications

Kunhardt spoke with Pat Terry of CMSR and he was busy. Will discuss CMSR at a later meeting.

Next regular meeting will be on January 15, 2013 at 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Martin