

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

October 15, 2014

APPROVED MINUTES

Planning Board Members Present: L. Kunhardt, L. Ames, L. Bourbeau, S. Pyle, A. Arnold, B. Lindgren and P. Tolman.

Others present: M. Branley, S. Bell, S. Brock, M. Tartalis, P. Freese, S. Carbee, C. Pyle, G. Paige, H. Kunhardt, B. Hardwick and T. Anderson

Larry Ames is taking the minutes.

The meeting was brought to order at 6:37 pm.
Scobie Pond Road bridge closing is announced.

CIP Meetings(cont.)

Police Department – Steve Bell

Scheduled replacement of the Tahoe in 2017 will be ~\$55K (up from \$40K) due to additional fitting costs (cages and electronics) FPD still needs at least one vehicle with towing capacity. The possibility of increasing contribution to reserve fund to cover increased vehicle costs is discussed.

Chief Bell responded to a question from Ames that he would like some help planning renovations to the Town Hall Annex if the police department is to be staying there.

Bell is still looking for grant money for traffic counters.

Highway Department – Gary Paige

Vehicles, prices based on previous estimates plus inflation:

 Payloader (2016) - \$180-200K

 6 Wheel Dumptrucks (2018 & 2019) - \$200K & \$225K

 P/U Truck (2019) \$55K

Will look into availability, price, and appropriateness of surplus/used vehicles.

Bridges: Scobie Pond Road bridge condemned by state, construction of replacement bridge to begin October 27.

Juniper Hill Road and Woodward Hill Road bridge reconstruction in 2015

Roads: Discussion of doing major road work every other year at funding level of \$170K/yr to take advantage of economies of scale. Current road priorities are to finish Pleasant Pond Road, then Bible Hill Road from Rte 136 to the mailboxes, then Woodward Hill Rd. Gary anticipates upcoming road reconstruction not to be as extensive as Pleasant Pond Rd to date, requiring only grinding and reuse of existing pavement, adding ¾” stone, and paving.

Discussion ensued as to whether the last portion of Pleasant Pond Road ought to be paved or not and alternate maintenance options for that section of road.

Conservation Commission-Betsey Hardwick

No changes/projects

CIP mtg suspended for emergency bridge meeting

Review of Minutes

The Announcements and Communications section of the Minutes of Oct 7 are amended from “*Pyle will send a memo to Rebecca Harris*” to read “*Pyle will ask Michael Branley to contact Rebecca Harris*”

The amended minutes are approved 6-0

Announcements and Communications

Planning Board Budget and project prioritization will be discussed on Oct 21.

The final CIP discussion will be on October 28

No meeting Nov 4(election)

New sign ordinance and other zoning amendments will be discussed on Nov 18

CIP Meetings(continued)

Selectman & Buildings

2014 Property revaluation was a statistical update a complete revaluation is scheduled for 2019 estimated cost \$55K.

2014 projects completed include Meeting House Clock repair, Town Hall Cupola repaired and front of building painted, fire station painted, new drainage around town offices installed.

Upcoming projects:

2015: FFD exhaust system - \$70K

Painting Town Offices and repairing windows - \$30K

Paint and repair horse sheds (could be put off to 2016) - \$15K

2016: Library windows and paint white trim - \$25K

Transfer Station concrete pad - \$10K

Replace THA heating plant and paint THA exterior - \$25K

2017: FPD renovations - \$45K

Painting remaining sides of Town Hall - \$30K

2018: Paint rear of Town Hall

Old Ski Shop removal

Refinish Town Hall floors

2019: Vinyl siding and Solar wall at FFD

Paint Library

Meeting adjourned 9:02 pm

Next meeting Oct 21, 6:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Larry Ames