

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

June 17, 2014

APPROVED MINUTES

Planning Board Members Present: L. Kunhardt, L. Ames, A. Arnold, S. Pyle, B. Lindgren, and P. Tolman, Alternates present L. Wilsher and H. Camirand and B. McNeil

Others Present: B. Behrsing, P. Freese, B. Hardwick, J. Curran, N. Wilder, J. Enman of PSNH, D. of Asplundh

The meeting was proceeded at 6:30 pm with a site walk to view marked trees on the 2nd NH Turnpike South. Present at the site visit were Kunhardt, Ames, Pyle, Tolman, Arnold, and members of the public.

Public Scenic Road Hearing

The public hearing was brought to order at 7:15 PM. Alternate H. Camirand was seated. The subject of the hearing is Scenic Road case 14-SR-02, an application from Public Service Company to cut trees along 2nd NH Turnpike. The hearing was noticed in the Peterborough Ledger/Transcript on 6/3 and 6/5, the Frankestown News and posted in the Town Offices and the Post Office. Public Service Company wishes to perform Enhanced Tree Trimming with a criteria of 8 feet ground to sky. It was confirmed by PSNH that all property owners have given permission on the tagged trees to be cut. There was a discussion on which trees should be cut. A few property owners in favor of cutting all tagged trees expressed concern for damage to stone walls and safety of trees falling on the power lines if the trees are not cut. There was a discussion regarding leaving certain trees on the Town Right of Way and taking others in place of them.

L. Kunhardt made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously (7-0)

The Board discussed continuing the case.

B. Lindgren made a motion to deny Public Service Company's application. Seconded by A. Arnold. The motion did not pass (1-6)

L. Kunhardt made a motion to continue the hearing to July 1 at 6:30 PM at which point the board will reconvene at the site (meet at the post office) to discuss specific trees. Seconded by L. Ames. The motion passed unanimously (7-0)

Consolidation Application: Case 14—C-02

A. Arnold and L. Ames recused themselves from the Case. Alternates L. Wilsher and B. McNeil were seated.

The Board considered Case 14-C-02, an Application for Consolidation from Francestown Land Trust, Inc. The applicant proposed the consolidation of four lots under common ownership: identified as Tax Map 5, Lots 32, 32-1, 33 and 34. L. Ames presented the case for Francestown Land Trust. L. Kunhardt made a motion that the Board approve the application for consolidation of Map 5/Lots 32, 32-1, 33 and S. Pyle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (7-0)

Conservation Plan Presentation

B. Hardwick, chair of the Conservation Commission, presented the Board with the recently completed Conservation Plan. There was a discussion regarding how this plan fit into the Master Plan. The Board agreed to review the plan and continue with the adoption process at the July 1 meeting.

Announcements and Communications

S. Pyle confirmed the following will be on the agenda for July 1

- Continuation of Scenic Road Hearing, on site, 6:30 at the Post Office
- Final discussion regarding the Conservation Plan
- Continuation of discussion of sign ordinance

L. Kunhardt asked for an explanation regarding the procedure for tracking cases, minutes retention, case filing and transmission to the Town Clerk. A discussion ensued and S. Pyle explained each procedure.

Review of Minutes: The minutes of 6/3/14 were approved as written.

Next meeting to be held July 1 at 6:30 PM, beginning with the on-site continuation of the Scenic Road Hearing.

Meeting adjourned 8:51 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Wendy Brien-Baker