

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

**June 3, 2014**

**APPROVED MINUTES**

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

Others Present: Thomas & Dawn Kirlin, B. Behrsing, L. Laber, P. Freese, L. Stewart

Larry Ames is taking the minutes.

The meeting was brought to order at 7:03 pm.

The Board considered Case 14-C-01, an Application for Consolidation of Map 9 Lot 39 and Map 6 Lot 56 from Thomas & Dawn Kirlin. The Kirlins presented their case, B. Lindgren moved that the Board approve the application for consolidation of Map 9/Lot 39 and Map 6/Lot 56 contingent upon completion of the affidavit of consolidation in the correct format for filing with the Registry of Deeds. L. Kunhardt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously(7-0)

**Announcements and Communications:**

The Scenic Road Hearing for PSNH's request to cut trees along the 2<sup>nd</sup> NH Turnpike South will be on June 17.

An Application for Consolidation from FLT will be considered on June 17.

S. Pyle reports that Dennis Calcutt of NH Listens is interested in presenting to the Board ways in which his organization might help facilitate the discussion of community issues in Francestown.

L. Kunhardt voiced concerns over the process of hiring the new clerk and the circumstances upon which the chair might contact Town Counsel without the approval of the entire board. Discussion ensued. Consensus was that the chair acted in a manner consistent with the duties of the chair.

**Review of Minutes:** The minutes of 5/20/14 were amended to correct name misspellings and to better represent P. Tolman's comments. The minutes were approved as amended.

**Unfinished Business:** The board discussed the proposed new sign ordinance, focusing on whether or not off-premise commercial signs should be allowed.

Topics discussed included what constitutes a commercial sign, fairness in enforcement, and freedom of speech issues. Larry Laber wants Electronic Message Centers to be added to the types of signs not permitted. A polling of the board found the majority not in favor of allowing off-premise commercial signs.

L. Ames and L. Bourbeau will work on massaging the language to attempt to come up with language that would be acceptable to a larger majority and address size limits.

L. Kunhardt has completed the renumbering/recoding of the Zoning Ordinance to create a more consistent format throughout and presented a crossreference key to be inserted as an appendix.

Next meeting to be held June 17 including a site visit for the Scenic Road Hearing prior to the 7:00PM meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:01PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Larry Ames*