# THE PLANNING BOARD TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN, NEW HAMPSHIRE

# August 19, 2014

#### APPROVED MINUTES

Planning Board Members Present: Abigail Arnold, Larry Ames, Lisa Bourbeau, Lisa Wilsher, Sarah Pyle, Linda Kunhardt, Guy Tolman, Bob Lindgren, Henry Camirand and Bill McNeil.

Others present: B. Martin, T. Clark, B. Hardwick, J. Miller, B. Haubrich, S. Heath, D. Orsi, M. Branley, B. Berhsing, P. Freese and others unknown to the minute taker.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM

## **Public Hearing:**

- S. Pyle opened the public hearing for adopting the Conservation Plan and Natural Resource Inventory Plan into the Master Plan. She said it was posted at the Town Office and the Post Office and noticed in the Monadnock Ledger on August 7<sup>th</sup>.
- B. Hardwick said in 2010 the Natural Resource Inventory maps were completed and they were used as a base when the Conservation Plan was started in 2011. She said they also used surveys and public input to complete the plan. There was a discussion regarding whether or not the language of the second paragraph in the Background and Context Section of the Conservation Plan accurately described Francestown. The consensus was that it did.
- S. Heath encouraged the Board to adopt the Conservation Plan and the Natural Resource Inventory.
- G. Tolman asked if the change in a classification of Cressy Hill Road from all previous classifications of the same road set a legal precedent. Arnold said she didn't know. Tolman said that is was changed on every single map, except topo that it was not a mistake, it was deliberate. G. Tolman said that he wanted that on the record. S. Pyle answered that classifying roads was not in the purview of the Master Plan, it is an overview, a guide. Road classifications sited in this or in the 96 Master Plan carry no force of law.
- L.Bourbeau expressed concern about the number of respondents to the questionnaire. B. Hardwick explained that questionnaires were mailed to all residents. Several public hearings were held. Discussion about the methods employed in the 1996 questionnaire and the high level of response.

Discussion about what was acceptable level of response.

A. Arnold made a motion to adopt the Conservation Plan and Natural Resource Inventory as part of the Francestown Master Plan. Seconded by L. Kunhardt. (7 in favor & L. Bourbeau abstained)

# **Master Plan Discussion:**

M. Branley announced we are now members of the Southern NH Regional Planning Commission and he and S. Pyle met with Jack Munn and discussed their assistance with the Master Plan. M. Branley handed out a draft community profile brochure and a proposal for the Master Plan that SNHRPC had submitted.

## **CIP Discussion:**

The Board discussed with M. Branley how they would like the process for CIP to proceed this year. There was consensus to start the process earlier. The Board decided to have the Selectmen's office send out a notice to the Department Heads to have their requests in written form turned in by October 1st, meetings with the Department Heads on October 14th & 15th ending with the Board to discuss everything on October 21st.

# **Announcements & Communications:**

S. Pyle passed out the Board's printed copies of the updated Zoning Ordinance. S. Pyle said Bob Todd has a client that had a subdivision approved in 2008 (Howell on Scoby Pond Rd) and now they are looking to amend the location of the approved building envelope on one of the lots. S. Pyle said they will have their application in this week and will be scheduled for the meeting of September 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Minutes:**

B. Lindgren made a motion to approve the August 5, 2014 minutes. Seconded by S. Pyle. All in favor.

#### **Master Plan Update Discussion:**

Continued to next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on September 2<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 7 PM. A. Arnold made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Seconded by B. Lindgren. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, Wendy Brien-Baker