

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

January 14, 2014

MINUTES

Planning Board Members Present: L. Kunhardt, A. Arnold, H. Camirand, L. Bourbeau, P. Tolman

Barb Martin is taking the minutes.

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

Announcements and Communications:

Received communication from SWRPC concerning new link. Chair will forward information to board members.

Ted Leach sent pictures of Crotched Mountain Ski and Ride lights as seen from Hancock. Pictures were placed in the file.

Proposed driveway – request for comment on Map 5, Lot 10 (S. Little and T. Kirouac-Little).

Review of Minutes:

Minutes of 1/17/2014: New Business – change New to Unfinished, strike “the inspection of.”

Motion to accept as amended, Camirand, 2nd Arnold. Motion passed 4 - 0, Tolman abstains.

Unfinished Business:

Zoning Ordinance Proposed Changes: Camirand recuses himself.

7:16pm B. McNeil joins the board.

L. Bourbeau leads the discussion. Advises she sent an email that was meant to be informational only.

Discussion ensues regarding commercial and non-commercial signs. Commercial signs can be regulated to a degree.

Discussion ensues regarding OEP signs, content of signs, and off premises advertising.

Discussion ensues regarding sign impact on the rural character of Francestown, the enactment of an ordinance allowing off premises advertising for one year to see what impact it may have.

Discussion ensues about the enforcement of sign ordinance by the Selectmen.

Motion to allow off premises advertising signs, Bourbeau. 2nd McNeil.

Discussion: Time limit on signs erected.

Motion passed 3 – 2 (Tolman, Arnold oppose).

Discussion ensues regarding a time limit allowed for off premises advertising.

Discussion ensues regarding “sandwich” board signs and on-premises signs.

Discussion ensues regarding lighting of signs, when they should be lit and whether or not to allow illumination.

Motion to allow lights to be left on after business hours (strike section 4.3 c), by Bourbeau, 2nd Arnold.

Motion passed 4 – 1 (Tolman opposed).

Motion to strike section 4.4 (b) “Provided they do not exceed 12 square feet.” By Bourbeau, 2nd Arnold.

Motion passed 3 – 2 (Kunhardt and McNeil oppose).

Discussion ensues regarding temporary signs.

Motion to add “on premises” after allowed (section 4.5 a) by McNeil, 2nd Bourbeau.

Motion passed 5 – 0

Motion to insert calendar year 4.5 b – by Bourbeau, 2nd Arnold

Motion passed 5 – 0

Motion to strike 4.5 c – by Bourbeau, 2nd Tolman

Motion passed 5 – 0

Discussion ensues regarding directional signs.

Motion to adopt directional sign language as follows:

- a) Where the selectmen determine that the public convenience and necessity so require, permanent directional signs to businesses and other facilities within the town may be placed in the town right of way.
- b) The selectmen shall determine location and standards specification of directional signs.
- c) Signs shall indicate the name of the business and necessary directional information only.

By Bourbeau, 2nd Arnold.

Motion passed 5 – 0

Section 4.1 a – e are good.

Section 4.2. Motion to move (i) to (b), by Bourbeau, 2nd Tolman.

Motion passed 5 – 0

Section 4.2 Motion to reorder as follows:

- (b) becomes (c)
- (c) becomes (e)
- (d) becomes (f)
- (e) becomes (d)
- (f) becomes (g)
- (g) becomes (h)
- (h) becomes (i)

By, Tolman, 2nd McNeil

Motion passed 5 – 0

Motion to strike “...and the beam shall not extend beyond the boundaries of the lot on which the sign is placed.” From (d), now new (f) By Tolman, 2nd Bourbeau.

Motion passed 4 – 0 (Arnold abstains)

Discussion to change “two-faced” to “two-sided”

Motion by Arnold to send draft to Town Counsel and post for public hearing. 2nd Bourbeau.

Motion passed 5 – 0

Camirand rejoins the board.

Discussion ensues regarding the 1st Draft of the warrant Articles, formatting and wording. Arnold will re-draft the proposed language of the Warrant Articles.

Next meeting January 21 at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Barb Martin