

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

**January 28, 2014**

**MINUTES**

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

Others Present: Lisa Stewart, Polly Freese, Scott Carbee, Betsy Hardwick

Barb Martin is taking the minutes.

The meeting was brought to order at 7:02 pm.

**Review of Minutes:**

January 14, 2014: Correct name spelling of "Bourbeau" and "Kirouac."

Minutes accepted as amended. Pyle, Ames and Arnold abstain.

January 21, 2014: Add Pyle to board members present, change 300 feet to 300 square feet, add Board is unanimous on Article 5.

Minutes accepted as amended. Tolman and Arnold abstain.

**Unfinished Business:** CIP

McNeil joins the board at 7:10 pm.

Arnold provides overview and re-cap of changes to the CIP schedule. Arnold clarifies the bridge appropriations sections. Warrant needed for replacing Scoby Pond bridge, equipment/vehicles for both Highway Dept. and Police are needed in 2014. Traffic counter is mainly for speeding and traffic flow. Counter will assist police in setting up patrols. Milfoil to hold at \$17,000 for Scoby Pond and \$2500 for Pleasant Pond. \$95k for maintenance items: Meeting House clock, painting of Town Hall, security upgrades, etc. Fire Dept. furnace is \$20k. Town Hall restoration at \$350k. The Heritage Commission hopes to get a \$400k L-Chip grant and private and in-kind donations. Fiscal impact of a bond for the Town Hall is based on a 10 year bond repayment schedule at 3 ½%.

Discussion ensues regarding the bond.

Discussion ensues regarding funding for bridges and road improvements.

Discussion ensues regarding the rate of increase for the CIP, underfunded projects such as bridges, buildings and roads.

Discussion ensues regarding various roads that need improvement, Highway Dept. vehicles and equipment.

Discussion ensues regarding unexpected income (Crotched Mountain Rehab and others).

Discussion ensues regarding the tax impact, operating budget, Scoby Pond bridges, tax rates and new assessments.

Further discussion ensues regarding the proposed bond, vehicle requirements.

Discussion ensues regarding any recommended changes to line items in the proposed CIP, besides the issue of a bond.

Discussion ensues regarding the amount to fund building maintenance, police station and library.

Board agrees on all other line items.

Discussion ensues regarding whether the board should include the \$850k - \$1M Town Hall project in the CIP, and does the board recommend the Town's portion be obtained through a \$350k bond.

Pyle argues the importance of the restoration of the Town Hall and supports funding through a bond.

Discussion ensues regarding whether or not the funding of the Town Hall project is a priority.

Motion to recommend the Bond by S. Pyle. B. Lindgren 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Motion passed 4-3 (Kunhardt, Arnold, Tolman oppose).

Motion to recommend the CIP as proposed by S. Pyle. B. Lindgren 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Motion passed 4-3 (Kunhardt, Arnold, Tolman oppose).

**Announcements and Communications:**

Town Counsel has approved the ballot questions, but has a comment concerning off-premises signs.

Discussion ensues regarding any concerns over off-premises signs.

Kunhardt will forward the emails from counsel to the board.

Next meeting February 4, 2014 at 7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Barb Martin*