

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

April 29, 2014

APPROVED MINUTES

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

Others Present: P. Freese, E. Behrsing, H. Camirand, L. Wilsher, L. Stewart, G. Paige, M.Brantley, P.Tollhauser

Larry Ames is taking the minutes.

The meeting was brought to order at 6:45 pm with a site visit to the marked trees on the turnpike. Present at the site visit were Kunhardt, Ames, Camirand, Pyle, Tolman, Paige, selectman Carbee and a few residents.

Public Scenic Road Hearing

The public hearing was brought to order at 7:00 PM. The subject of the hearing is Scenic Road case 14-SR01, an application to cut trees on the west side of the Second NH Turnpike South from the Francestown Highway Dept.. A. Arnold recuses herself from the board for the hearing. The hearing was noticed in the Peterborough Ledger/Transcript on 4/17 and 4/22 as well as being posted in the Town Offices and the Post Office. The Highway Department wishes to cut 22 trees(which have been flagged) in order to provide adequate clearance from the power transmission lines in their new location. The lines must be moved in order to allow crane access during the reconstruction of the bridge. There is very little discussion, Pat Tollhauser, in the role of devil's advocate asks whether there was an appropriate work around and if the trees were being cut solely to expedite the project. Paige responds that it is an OSHA requirement that necessitates moving the transmission lines and hence the tree removal.

The roll call vote is unanimous in favor of approving the application to remove the flagged trees.(6-0)

Arnold rejoins the board.

Announcements and Communications:

Kunhardt advises the board that Barb Martin had resigned as clerk to the Planning Board.

The PB received an announcement from SWRPC of the upcoming Broadband conference on May 16 and a reminder of the April 30 NHDES/DWGB source water protection conference.

The PB received notification from the OEP that they had received paperwork requesting Frankestown change their regional planning council affiliation from SWRPC to SNHPC.

The PB received their budget update from the Town Administrator.

The PB sent a list of possible candidates for representative at SNHPC to the selectmen.

Review of Minutes:

The March 18 minutes were amended to correct a reference to Bass Hall which should have read Belmont Hall.

Pyle moves to accept the proposed minutes of April 15 as presented. Minutes are accepted by unanimous vote with Arnold abstaining.

Unfinished Business:

Election of Officers: The board has yet to elect a chairman.

Lindgren nominates S.Pyle.

Bourbeau nominates Kunhardt.

Kunhardt stresses that Board decisions should be just that and not the chairman's decision ratified by the board.

Tolman stresses that he believes Pyle's focus should be on the Master Plan update.

Pyle updates board on work of Master Plan Committee and possible new members.

Bourbeau asks why minutes of MPC meetings were not kept.

Pyle responds that notes were kept which were then written up as minutes and approved by the committee.

Kunhardt stresses that adherence to process with respect to the Right to Know Laws is important to avoid litigation down the road.

Roll call vote for chairman.

Pyle - 4 votes(Pyle, Arnold, Ames, & Lindgren)

Kunhardt - 3 votes(Kunhardt, Bourbeau, & Tolman)

Pyle is elected chairman

New Business:

The Board discusses the recoding of the Zoning ordinance as started by Kunhardt.

Lindgren is worried that renumbering the ordinance sections will lead to confusion due to the many places the old numbering might be referenced.

Kunhardt and Ames wish the document to be internally consistent.

The pros and cons of different organizational styles are discussed.

Pyle presents the motion that the Planning Board recode the Zoning Ordinance consistent with the style of Articles II and IIA except that subsections to subsections

adopt the style of alternating between numbers and letters and strive to preserve as much of the current numbering as possible. A cross reference sheet should be generated identifying new and old section numbers. Kunhardt will bring proposed changes to the board. Arnold seconded the motion.

Lindgren suggests consulting Town counsel on the ramifications of recoding. Town Administrator Brantley does not think it would create problems.

Motion passes 5-1(Lindgren opposed)

Pyle brings up the idea of not sitting alternates at tables at the front of room unless they are actually filling in for that meeting. Lindgren says that 2009 law change allowed and suggested that alternates sit with the board.

Lindgren requests that the board approve what we can of the Master Plan updated sections, particularly the Town Hall section under Community Facilities in order that it be used in the LCHIP grant application for the Town Hall renovations. The MPC will meet prior to the next PB meeting to approve updates reflecting results of the recent town meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM

Next PB meeting 5/20/14 at 7:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Larry Ames