THE PLANNING BOARD TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN, NEW HAMPSHIRE

August 5, 2014

APPROVED MINUTES

Planning Board Members Present: Abigail Arnold, Larry Ames, Lisa Bourbeau, Lisa Wilsher, Sarah Pyle and Guy Tolman

Others present: L. Laber, B. Berhsing & P. Freese

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM

Master Plan discussion:

Beth and Ray Wallace were in attendance to update the Board and discuss the schools section of the Master Plan. An outline was provided and presented. There was a discussion regarding many school topics. S. Pyle stated the next phase will be to have a public forum to get public input regarding schools.

Linda Kunhardt joined the meeting.

Announcements & Communications:

S. Pyle announced that the Town of Francestown is officially a member of Sothern NH Regional Planning Commission. A. Arnold said the representatives for the planning commission are: G. Tolman, Scot Heath, Rebecca Harris and L. Kunhardt. S. Pyle said Mike Branley has scheduled a meeting with Jack Munn of the planning commission on August 14 and she would also like to invite him to a future Planning Board meeting.

S. Pyle said the next meeting will include a Public Hearing for the NRI, a discussion with Mike regarding the CIP and she asked the Board to take a look at last year's CIP beforehand.

Minutes:

July 15, 2014 minutes approved as amended, G. Tolman opposed

Sign Ordinance discussion:

The Board reviewed and discussed a version of all suggested changes in an abbreviated format and proposed wording drafted by G. Tolman. There was a discussion regarding temporary signs including the differences between real estate, contractor and political signs and whether they should be separate into different categories or given the same restrictions. The time period of sign being displayed was discussed. The Board agreed to change the time period to "shall not exceed 14 days", to have commercial and real estate signs have the same restrictions and to remove a separate restriction for special events and non-profit signs. The Board agreed to add language under the section of Directional Signs that says "and shall establish fee as necessary". There was a discussion regarding placement of directional signs. The Board agreed to eliminate section 4.4 "Other Non-Premise Signs" and move the wording "In home business sign as allowed for in 3.9.1 In-home businesses" as letter "c" in section 4.3 "On-Premise Commercial Signs. There was a discussion regarding lighting of signs and the material signs are made of.

Other discussion:

Sarah suggested having a separate meeting to discuss the Community Facilities section in the Master Plan. The Board agreed to talk about it at the next meeting and then schedule another time if needed.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Wendy Brien-Baker