

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

December 15, 2015

**MINUTES**

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

Alternates Present: B. Hardwick

Others Present: Polly Freese

L. Kunhardt is taking the minutes.

The meeting was brought to order at 6:35 pm.

**Review of Minutes:** *12/1/2015* - Discussion ensues. Correct spelling of B. Mayer. Motion: A. Arnold moves to accept as amended. Second: P. Tolman Vote: (abstain) R. Lindgren (favor) A. Arnold, L. Ames, L. Kunhardt, S. Pyle, P. Tolman, L. Bourbeau

**CIP Overview:** Discussion resumes from last meeting. **1)** Library: H. Kunhardt provides brief update on geothermal investigations and research of problems. Need for new/better sand filters paramount. Estimate remains \$2,000.00 and/or \$14,000.000 to \$20,000.00. **2)** Police station: heating system components better than previously thought. Repairs or replacements will not involve whole system and costs will be significantly lower. **3)** Transfer station: more unresolved needs/fixes than the requested installation of a concrete pad for scrap metal. Discussion ensues. R. Lindgren asks if it time to begin funding the Transfer Station line item in CIP. A. Arnold says transfer station funding will come out of Town Building Improvement funds. Further, selectmen have not decided what projects to fund for 2016. Motion: L. Kunhardt moves to approve the 2016-2012 CIP. Second: L. Ames Vote: Unanimous

**Zoning Ordinance:** 1/18/2016 is last date to hold first Public Hearing on proposed changes to ZO. **1)** Sign Ordinance: Discussion ensues. Further discussion. Perhaps go to 700 sign days per property. Permit System likely unavoidable. More discussion. Motion: A. Arnold moves to go forward with Sign Ordinance changes this year. Second: S. Pyle Vote: (favor) S. Pyle, A. Arnold, L. Ames, R. Lindgren, P. Tolman (opposed) L. Kunhardt, L. Bourbeau. Motion carries. More discussion of possible sign language changes. Another meeting necessary to decide final text. Any proposed text is to be sent to all members by noon on 1/3/2016.

**2)** Convenience stores: add a new sentence allowing up to 5 chairs and a table be available for use but not for service. Motion: L. Kunhardt moves to go forward with 7.10.3 changes as proposed by P. Tolman. Second: L. Ames Vote: Unanimous **3)** Restaurants 7.10.2 relative to relaxing parking requirements. Discussion ensues.

**Announcements and Communications:** FHIS received \$90,000.000 grant toward restoration of Beehive. PBoard in receipt of "Road Safety Audit" application form due 1/15/2016. Decided to take no action.

**Action items:** L. Ames - 1) to contact S. Heath and ask for an action item at SNHPC concerning waste disposal and associated costs/options/recycling problems. 2) to send proposed ZO changes (parking, chairs, signs) to B. Mayer for review.  
S. Pyle - 1) to compile checklist of status for each section of Master Plan.

Next meeting: 1/5/2016

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.