

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

**February 17, 2015**

**APPROVED MINUTES**

Selectmen Members Present: Chair S. Pyle, L. Bourbeau, P. Tolman, L. Kunhardt, L. Ames

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Planning Board Members Present: Chair S. Pyle, L. Bourbeau, P. Tolman, L. Kunhardt, L. Ames

Alternates: L. Wilsher, H. Camirand

Also present: CLD Engineers John Bayer and Jamie French (hereinafter “CLD”)

M. Callahan is taking the minutes.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Sarah called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**Scenic Road Hearing**

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**Scenic Road Hearing 15-SR-01**

Sarah opened the meeting by indicating that a Site Walk was performed on February 7<sup>th</sup> regarding the Town’s application for tree cutting in the area of Woodward Hill Road and Birdsall Road, both designated Scenic Roads, to accommodate bridge construction. The Hearing was noticed in the Monadnock Ledger on Thursday February 5<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> and the Francestown Village News on Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. Sarah asked Gary Paige to talk about the necessity of the tree cutting. Gary indicated the tree cutting was necessary to allow for cranes and other heavy equipment to be able to maneuver for placement of the bridge. CLD Engineers John Bayer and Jamie French (hereinafter “CLD”) produced site plans to show the Board where cutting will occur, how the poles and power lines will be moved and the temporary bridge. The site plan also showed the placement of the bridge, the cutting necessary to allow placement and which trees would be saved. The Board expressed concern about the appearance of the area after the cutting and the public’s reaction to the cutting. CLD indicated that the total project required removal of less than ¼ acre and that Maple trees will be replanted. CLD indicated it was discussed at the public hearing which the abutters attended.

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CLD indicated it was discussed at the public meeting which the abutters attended. Sarah said that the meeting was well-attended.

L. Kunhardt asked that the record reflect “The trees for discussion of the scenic road hearing on Birdsall Road, related to the reconstruction of a bridge on Juniper Hill Road, are minute. However, the associated impact on the remainder of the trees/project on Juniper Hill Road is significant.”

**Motion:** Larry Ames made a motion to approve the proposed tree cutting on Woodward Hill Road for construction of the bridge, seconded by Henry Camirand.

Vote: All in favor.

**Motion:** Henry Camirand made a motion to approve the application for tree cutting on Birdsall Road, seconded by Guy Tolman.

Vote: All in favor.

**Motion:** Sarah made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Lisa Bourbeau.

Vote: All in favor.

#### **Announcements and Communications**

Sarah Pyle announced that Mike Branley asked to come before the Planning Board to revisit the issue of what data the Board needs for vehicle replacement for the CIP for next year. Sarah suggested a March or April date. No date was scheduled.

Discussion about the clarity of motions being made took place. After discussing the need for a motion to clearly reflect the intention of the maker, Sarah Pyle determined that motions will be restated immediately prior to the vote to clearly reflect the intention of the motion.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES:** Sarah Pyle made a motion to accept the minutes of January 20, 2015, seconded by Henry Camirand.

Vote: Approved by all.

Guy Tolman discussed jobs created by rail. It was questioned how many jobs are being moved and are not new jobs. Discussion ensued.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Sarah Pyle adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.