

**FRANKLIN PLANNING BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING –  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.**

At this time, there was not a quorum. The present board members however indicated they would discuss some of the items before them tonight.

Agriculture

Mr. Freeman asked if you have livestock in numbers less than five if you can do it by right. Richard Lewis stated that this number is a number that needs to be reviewed. Angie Carey stated that as long as the building that houses the animals is 200' from the property line then you could have them. Member Freeman indicated that the zoning wouldn't come into place unless you had more than five and it was indicated that was not true and 5 is within the definition of livestock; however, the zoning ordinance explains the regulations regarding the agriculture and what other conditions need to be met.

Richard Lewis stated that in the last few months there has been some new regulations for towns such as Concord, Dover, Berlin, Boscawen, Lebanon, and Gorham all allowing chickens with different language, typically in numbers less than 5 and with no roosters, with the owner following the Best Management Practices. He stated that he can generate some language allowing chickens but also protecting neighbors, as it was indicated that someone that takes care of their chickens may not be a problem; however, the neighbor that allows their chickens to roam and be a nuisance or owners who do not follow the Best Management Practices could be problematic.

Hazard Mitigation

It was indicated that this would be discussed during the Master Plan discussion.

Master Plan

The consensus appeared to be to start the discussion of the Master Plan in September, focusing on downtown, Hazard Mitigation and putting in some language that would be ahead of the Northern Pass for utilization of the money for infrastructure improvements. Richard Lewis stated that he would do a bullet list for the board and look at the goals and objects from the last Master Plan. The board members were asked by Chair Colburn to re-read the Master Plan and outline any areas that are outdated or need updating. It was indicated future growth should also be addressed.

Chair Colburn asked if Municipal Services had their own Master Plan and CIP for streets and infrastructure improvements. Richard Lewis stated this just covers fixing and repairs.

Cell Towers

The consensus was that it was a good idea to move the Cell Tower ordinance into the Site Plan Regulations.

Water Recreation

Richard stated that he would talk to Chuck Bodien about this. It was indicated that there may not be a need for an ordinance and it would just fall under the IBC ICC.

### Downtown Revitalization District

Richard Lewis stated that the City Council recently adopted RSA 79-E, which can be used to encourage development activity. He stated that the district was adopted and then it was muted by the economic downfall. He stated things are starting to pick back up and this may need to be touched upon in the master plan.

At this time, Member Giunta arrived and a quorum was present.

#### **Call to Order:** 7:45 p.m.

- ❑ Pledge of Allegiance
- ❑ Roll Call

Present: Mayor Ken Merrifield, Brian Colburn, Anthony Giunta, Michael Freeman, Powell Glenn and Planning and Zoning Administrator, Richard Lewis.

Absent: David Veysey, Brian Sullivan, Tony Daniel, Ted Starkweather, Tim Stangroom, and Bob Sharon.

- ❑ Approval of Minutes:

- ❖ February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Minutes

**MOTION:** Mayor Merrifield moved and Member Giunta seconded to approve the minutes of the February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Planning Board Regular Meeting. All were in favor of approving the minutes.

Richard Lewis stated that he sent out an email a few months ago about the cell tower on South Main Street at the Church. Chair Colburn requested that the board have the Mayor send a letter to the owner and stress the need for a flag of better size. It was indicated there is a US Flag Code that reference sizes based on pole sizes and this should be addressed. There was question about the maintenance and whether the church has been given a stipend and is the ones that are supposed to be maintaining the flag. It was indicated that maybe someone else should be put in charge of taking care of this. The Mayor stated he would like to review the original proposal and get some information for the writing of the letter. Richard Lewis stated that he would dig up the information and send it to the Mayor and between the two of them they should be able to come up with some language for the letter.

Richard Lewis stated the Church must have a contract with the Cell Tower, which would be a private contract, but he stated he would try and get a copy of the contract.

### **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Mayor Merrifield moved and Member Freeman seconded to adjourn the meeting of May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013, at 7:55 p.m. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
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