Members Present: Thad Presby, Mark Hesler, John Dimarzio, Eric Meth, Mary Grote, and Monica Laflamme

Also Present: Peter Grote

A regular meeting of the Franconia Planning Board was held at the Franconia Town Hall on Tuesday, May 11, 2021.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by Thad Presby

**Approval of Minutes –** Thad made a motion to approve the minutes of January 26, 2021, as written, second by Eric. All were in favor and the motion passed.

John made a motion to approve the minutes of February 9, 2021, as written, second by Thad. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Thad made a motion to approve the minutes of February 23, 2021, as written, second by Mary. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mary made a motion to approve the minutes of March 30, 2021, as written, second by Thad. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Thad made a motion to approve the minutes of April 13, 2021, as written, second by Mark. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

**Presby Energy, Inc. – Informal Discussion.**  Thad presented a plan to the Board for a propane storage facility (much like Franconia Gas) on Route 116 next to the Transfer Station. Thad stated he spoke with Rick Gaudette, Franconia Fire Chief, and he did not see any problem with it. Thad has the DOT driveway permits. He stated he will need to do a lot line adjustment or a subdivision, and since the property is in the floodplain, he will need to submit an application to get it exempted from the floodplain. So, it is going to take a few months before he can proceed further.

The Board had a brief discussion regarding the size of the tanks, whether it was in a wetlands area, and the possibility of planting some type of screening from the road. Thad stated he would permit it for two 30,000-gallon tanks which would be similar in size to what Franconia Gas has. Thad also stated it is not located in a wetlands area and the only wetlands permit he will need is for crossing where the ditches are. Thad stated there isn’t a lot of room there but he would be agreeable to planting some type of screening from the road.

The Board was in agreement that the plan looks good, but would encourage some type of screening from the road.

**Master Plan –** The Board continued its discussion on the Master Plan. Thad stated he read the entire Master Plan and it is very repetitive. Thad suggested if the Board wants to emphasize a point in the Master Plan it should be stated once or twice and then be left alone.

Thad stated he reviewed Master Plan surveys done by the towns of Tuftonboro and Windham. There were questions that required a check off answer of high priority, low priority, not a priority. At the end of the survey there were open-ended questions (i.e., what type of business, service, or industry would you like to see). The Windham survey had 28 questions.

The Board discussed the Windham and Tuftonboro surveys and the type of questions to be included in the Franconia survey. Thad stated he would send the Windham and Tuftonboro surveys to Board members and suggested each member think about questions they would like included in the Franconia survey. Thad also suggested the survey could have at least 20 questions but certainly not more than 30.

The Board discussed having an introductory section on the survey giving a summary of what has been accomplished since the last Master Plan, this is where we are now, and this is the reason why we are asking you these questions. The Board also discussed setting a date by which responses need to be received.

Mary asked if there were final thoughts on distribution of the survey. Thad stated that was already covered by the group. The survey will be online and people will be able to print it off the website and mail it back, go on to Survey Monkey and complete it, or call Carol and she will send one to them. The Board discussed sending a postcard to each household with that information on it and possibly putting a notice in the newspaper as well.

The next Planning Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 8th, at 7:00pm at the Franconia Town Hall.

After a motion and a second, the meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Wills