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

Others Present: Kim Cowles, Dawn Steele, and Peter Grote

A regular meeting of the Franconia Planning Board was held at the Franconia Town Hall on Tuesday, October 12, 2021.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Thad Presby

**Informal Discussion – Noise Ordinance –** Dawn Steele stated there has been much discussion at recent Select Board meetings regarding noise and nuisance from chickens and roosters. Dawn mentioned three particular locations in town-- Plantation Road, Easton Road, and Ridge Road. She is concerned with the disposal of any excess manure because if there is too much the phosphorus can get into the soil and the water and cause pollution. Dawn requested the Planning Board consider looking at the definition and meaning of general farming in the Zoning Regulation.

Dawn drafted a sample ordinance based on her research and presented it to the Board for their review.

Kim stated that when a business changes its use it must come before the Planning Board for Site Plan Review where the Board considers the traffic pattern, lighting, and the effect on other businesses. She suggested the Board might consider having the same process when someone changes a single-family dwelling to general farming or AirBnb because it may change the flow of traffic, parking, and adversely impact the neighborhood.

Monica suggested that there is a mechanism right now in place to capture the extent of the problem with the Master Plan survey that is going out. Thad stated the Board would be reviewing the survey questions later in the meeting and perhaps a question should be added to the survey regarding this issue.

Thad stated if the Board were to come up with a poultry regulation it should be very broad and perhaps address number of chickens, lot size, distance from lot line, and storage and disposal of manure. Thad asked Dawn if she would be willing to take a stab at the regulation and bring it down to four or five items.

Thad asked if the Board should let the noise ordinance run its course and see what it does and does not address relative to this issue. Kim stated the public hearings are scheduled for November 1st and November 15th, at 7:00pm at the Town Hall and will address the Noise Ordinance, Solar Ordinance, and Sign Ordinance.

**Approval of Minutes –** Monica made a motion to approve the minutes of September 14, 2021, as written, second by Eric. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

**Master Plan –** The Board reviewed the final draft of the survey questions and discussed where the question regarding chickens should be added. After a brief discussion it was agreed that the question would be added under the short answer questions as #16 and state, What concerns do you have, if any, regarding livestock or domestic animals.

The next Planning Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 26, 2021, at 7:00pm at the Franconia Town Hall.

After a motion and a second, the meeting adjourned at 8:26pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Wills