

FRANCONIA PLANNING BOARD

January 30, 2012

Members Present:

Mark Hesler, Mary Grote, Brian Williams, Rich McLeod and Dick Reinhold

Attendees: Gary & Chad Roberge, Sally Small & Rollie Barnaby

A regular meeting of the Franconia Planning Board was held on Monday, January 30, 2012 at the Franconia Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Chad & Gary Roberge of Avitar Assessing met with the Planning Board at the suggestion of the Selectmen to review Terra Mapping. Currently the Town uses Cartographic for their mapping but a proposal from Avitar has been made to integrate their mapping system with our current assessing program.

Chad Roberge gave a presentation to the Planning Board highlighting the advantages of how the Terra Mapping system could benefit the Town and at a significantly lower cost than Cartographics. Chad explained that all of the mapping has been done by the State between 2010 and 2011. He said that the Northern half of New Hampshire is still being analyzed but could be available sooner if needed. The system would allow the capability for locating abutters and listing them by name there is also the capability of maps being accessible on-line via the Town website for public and real estate brokers which would eliminate a lot of daily interruption for requests of tax maps. There would also be the advantage of monitoring properties that are in current use and also monitoring where water lines are currently placed.

The Selectmen and Sally Small both see the Terra Mapping as a no brainer for the town. The cost is the same as what we are currently paying and there is much more capability with this new software. The consensus of the Planning Board members was positive and they were on board with making the switch.

The Board discussed the conflict of the next meeting scheduled for February 13th, the same night as the Budget Hearing. Since there was currently nothing scheduled for public meeting, it was decided to cancel the February 13th meeting. Marilyn Knowlton will post in two public places that the meeting will not be held.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn L. Knowlton
Secretary