

FRANCONIA PLANNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 10, 2016

Members Present:

Thad Presby, Mary Grote, Dick Reinhold, Lydia Cumbee, Brian Williams, Mark Hesler, Eric Meth.

Others Present:

Karen Foss, Bernie Costa, Peter Grote, Trevor Presby

A regular meeting of the Franconia Planning Board was held on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at the Franconia Town Hall. Thad Presby called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Brian Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded by Dick Reinhold and the minutes were accepted unanimously as submitted.

Thad Presby read the letter regarding the procedure for acceptance of private roads. This letter has been submitted to the Board of Selectmen.

The issue of melding of lots, which are already taxed as one, has been discussed. This project has been deferred to BOS couple of years ago. The Planning Board has been told that Sally has been working on the project. Members would like to have an update on what has been done. Eric was asked again to check on the status of this matter.

CIP Committee members were present at the meeting to seek the Board's adoption of the 2017-2022 Capital Improvements Plan (draft). Karen Foss presented the plan and reviewed budget & project proposals. Karen explained that the SIP Committee tried to extend the life of Town vehicles. With adjustments to the budget, the 2017 total came in \$8,673 lower than the 2016.

Trevor Presby said that the CIP would like to be involved in vehicle purchasing process. The Chair of the BOS, Bernie Costa, stated that selectmen intend to have a policy that would include the CIP in the process. The CIP already has been involved in some capital projects such as replacing a roof on the Frost Place.

The Planning Board members commended the CIP Committee on the outstanding work they have done.

Lydia Cumbee made a motion to adopt the 2010-2016 Capital Improvements Plan draft. Brian Williams seconded this motion and the draft of the Capital Improvements Plan was adopted unanimously.

Bernie Costa introduced to the Planning Board a letter from Geoffrey Sewake, Field Specialist for Community & Economic Development for University of NH. Mr. Sewake suggested scheduling a meeting to discuss the economic and community development technical assistance that they can provide. The Board members will discuss this letter at the next meeting.

Bernie Costa also brought up an issue of Air B&B. This discussion was tabled for later meetings.

Dick Reinhold will not be able to attend the next scheduled meeting on January 31st when member will be discussing the creation of "village district". Dick distributed to the Board members a document with his thoughts and comments on this subject.

Eric Meth updated the Planning Board on the Northern Pass issues involving the Town.

The Planning Board meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 31, 2017. The “village district” discussion is on the agenda. Kayla Gray will be attending the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lydia Cumbee
Active Planning Board Secretary