

FRANCONIA PLANNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday October 11, 2016

Members Present:

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

Others Present: Chris Harris, Phil Albanese

A regular meeting of the Franconia Planning Board was held on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at the Franconia Town Hall. Thad Presby called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The reading of the minutes of the September 27, 2016 was waived.

Brian made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, Mark seconded the motion with all voting in favor.

Letter from Eversource in regards to tree trimming on a list of scenic roads in Franconia. RSA 231:158 – Affect of designation of scenic roads – Prior written permission of the planning board is needed. A public meeting has to be advertised twice in a newspaper. The Planning Board will write them a letter and tell them that we can do this after town meeting in March.

7:15 pm – Informal Discussion – Chris Harris is representing Jonathan Holder and Mary Brubaker. All members introduced themselves and there was no conflict of interest. There is a 6 acre lot that has two houses on it and is already shown as two three acre lots. There are two half interest in the lots as represented by Map 3, Lot 10. The 6 acre parcel is billed for taxes as two- three acre parcels. There are two deeds as shared interest in the parcel. The owners would like to hire a surveyor and draw up an agreement between the two parties splitting the property that will be acceptable to both parties. There is a 5 acre minimum zoning. The Planning Board has referred him to the Zoning Board of Adjustments. Dick said that it had to be compliant with a class VI road. Both parties will have to have to sign a waiver of liability for fire and rescue. Chris will schedule with Herbie tomorrow.

7:45PM – Informal Discussion - Cornelia Lorentzen – Phil Albanese represented Cornelia Lorentzen who was not at the meeting. All members introduced themselves and there was a conflict. Thad Presby was requested to recuse himself. Phil had three items that he wanted to discuss in regards to 729 Main Street and to get the Planning Boards opinion. The first item is the owner wants to install solar on the rear motel unit's roof. A building permit and a solar permit will be required and can be sought on line. The second item is a charging

station for electric cars to be installed. There is one in Sugar Hill. It will be a single station where two vehicles can charge which takes an hour and a half. Placement of the station would also be at the rear of the property. There may be some 24 hour lighting and they could minimize the lighting. It would be open to the public. There is an APP for your phone that tells where stations are located. You can make a reservation for a charge. Target is doing this. There are five stations per store. The third item is a request for more dedicated handicapped parking. We have one and looking for a couple more. As long as you have parking for restaurant capacity parking it should be fine. The handicap parking has to be ADA compliant. The idea would be to have a double space at each motel building. The Board does not have a problem if you want to add extra.

Mary told Phil that there is a solar credit application you can get from the town. He was aware of it.

Northern Pass – all is quiet. There is a petition circulating. Data question deadlines is in November.

The Planning Board Members adjourned the Meeting at 8:10 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 25, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbie Bartlett
Planning Board Secretary