

FRANCONIA PLANNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 27, 2015

Members Present:

Thad Presby, Mark Hesler, Brian Williams, Keith Batchelder, Mary Grote, Dick Reinhold

Others Present:

A regular meeting of the Franconia Planning Board was held on Tuesday, October 27, 2015, at the Franconia Town Hall. Thad Presby called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Keith made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 13, 2015 meeting as written, Mark seconded the motion, and minutes were approved.

Master Plan – No work done

Old Business - There was a general discussion about lessons learned at the training session held in Lincoln called Planning Board & ZBA Roles & Responsibilities, which was held on October 20, 2015. A lot of members showed up.

Some items to keep in mind:

- 1) Remind Planning Board Members that emails amongst members that discuss matters before the board should be avoided, because all Planning Board meetings must be public and scheduled; emails back and forth might be considered a private, unscheduled meeting of the Planning Board. Herbie will circulate those rules to the Planning Board.
- 2) Create process and language to remind applicants that they have the right and obligation to inform the Planning Board, at the beginning of an application process, if they feel they will not receive a faire hearing because of any relation/conflict/etc with anyone sitting on the Board.
- 3) It was recommended that the Planning Board obtain a copy of the NHMA's 2015 publication on NH Highway Law, "A Hard Road to Travel" Contact Judy Pearson (603) 230-3355 or email at jpearson@nhmunicipal.org (\$48 for Members) or to obtain an electronic
- 4) PDF version (Tom Smith??)

There was discussion of the book chapter, "The Smart Growth Era", about advocates and resistance to zoning changes and some examples similar to Franconia and higher density housing – details can be gotten from Dick.

The Planning Board wants to review and make sure Richard Morris Subdivision/Voluntary Merger has been recorded in the Franconia Deeds.

Planning Board is interested in learning more about how Avitar Associates (subcontractor to the Town of Franconia) calculates property/land values. The Planning Board would like to potentially invite the Selectmen and Avitar to explain their process/algorithms. Follow up with Eric Meth (not present at this Planning Board Meeting).

The Planning Board meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM. The next meeting/hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10th.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Batchelder
Acting Secretary