

FRANCONIA PLANNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, August 29, 2017

Members Present:

Thad Presby, Mary Grote, Victoria Cole, Keith Batchelder, John DiMarzio, Eric Meth, Mark Hesler

Others Present:

A public hearing of the Franconia Planning Board was held on Tuesday, August 29, 2017 at the Franconia Town Hall. Thad Presby called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

The August 8, 2017 minutes were read and the following motion was made:

Vickie made a motion to accept the August 8, 2017 minutes as written, Keith seconded the motion with all voting in favor.

7:15 pm - **MTAG - NCC** - The Planning Board received the reimbursement check from Plan NH for the MTAG Grant. Herbie will check on the maps that we are supposed to get from NCC and Plan NH.

Miscellaneous - Trailside - Thad spoke to Janet Levenson in regards to what she has to do to get the town to take over Trailside. Road agent and engineer would have to research and make recommendation. Contact selectmen and have the town look at it. She can have her people look at it and make changes as necessary. After it meets our criteria it then goes to the town for a vote at town meeting.

Chamber of Commerce is being reorganized with new members and they are working on a new home potentially at the old ski shop. Suggest going into the middle space where Reinhold Associates used to be.

Changes to Zoning - The Planning Board will need to have two public hearings for this before it goes to the town for a Vote. Herbie will get this scheduled.

Board of Selectmen-Eric Meth - The Select Board will need to put a submission to the DOT to get on North Country Council list for these types of projects. State would put in the sidewalk project. Bernie Costa has the knowledge and experience with dealing with the sidewalks. A planning board member should be part of the process. Keith wanted to know if it will impact the **street light project**. Northern Pass will also affect this. John DiMarzio is volunteering to

assist with the sidewalk project. Select Board will take the lead.

Street light project got postponed because the state ran out of money. The Project is eligible to use some of the \$47K of the Highway Block Grant.

Eric mentioned that they are working on the culvert by the Horse & Hound. The Town may want to put in a bridge instead of a culvert

Northern Pass - Strides are being made to keep Northern Pass out.

Victoria Cole - ZBA - reported that ZBA had two cases for Area Variances. Both properties were up at Mittersill. Gordon Bennett/Lucy Goodhart was approved for an area variance for a setback to rebuild the home. Alicia Shambo had an area variance to add a garage addition to the property. There was a site visit by the Board. A pull off parking space will have to be eliminated to do this.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12, 2017. Meeting was adjourned at 800pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbie Bartlett
Planning Board Secretary