

FRANCONIA PLANNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 29, 2015

Members Present:

Brian Williams, Dick Reinhold, Lydia Cumbee, Keith Batchelder, Eric Meth, Mark Hesler, Mary Grote

Others Present:

A regular meeting of the Franconia Planning Board was held on Tuesday, September 29, 2015, at the Franconia Town Hall. Brian Williams called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Keith made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Eric seconded the minutes of the September 8, 2015 meeting and were approved unanimously as written.

Master Plan –

Ad for the planning board meetings was discussed. Lydia made a motion to approve the ad as amended and Keith seconded with all voting in favor.

It was agreed to recruit new Planning Board Members by having a sign-up sheet for new members at the hearings.

Updates on the input for Master Plan –

Suggestions by residents: Hike & Bike, Internet, bathroom, alternative energy sources, restaurants, shops but no box stores.

Signage and lighting for the restrooms by the skating rink has been discussed.

Cornelia Lorentzen has not submitted an application for a Site Plan Review. She is working with the BOS on a punch list of things that need to be done so she can get necessary permits. This does not involve the Planning Board.

Board Members discussed sending an invitation to the owner of Mac's Market to discuss the future of the store. This is tied to the updating of the Master Plan and also a possibility of population growth in Franconia due to changes in the Zoning Ordinance and the Olympic Ski Team coming to Mittersill. Keith volunteered to draft a letter.

The Energy Commission is interested in adding a section for alternative energy to the Master Plan. They asked for a time table. Eric will let them know that we will start working on updates in January.

Herbie will look into getting the Master Plan disc converted into a word document to enable editing.

Old Business – Lydia Cumbee contacted Bob Montagno in regards to marketing Franconia. He suggested that Lydia put together a marketing committee. She would serve on that committee. Keith Batchelder volunteered to be on the committee. On suggestion from Bob Montagno, Lydia Cumbee will contact someone from Franconia Chamber of Commerce. Board members suggested contacting Mark Butterfield

New Business –

Dick made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Keith with all voting in favor.

The Planning Board meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM, all voting unanimously to do so. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13th.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbie Bartlett
Planning Board Secretary