

***THE PLANNING BOARD
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN, NEW HAMPSHIRE***

July 21, 2015

APPROVED MINUTES

Planning Board Members Present: Larry Ames, Chairman; Abigail Arnold, Lisa Bourbeau, Guy Tolman and Bob Lindgren

Alternate: Betsy Hardwick

M. Callahan is taking the minutes.

Call to Order: Larry Ames called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

L. Ames opened the meeting by announcing that Jack Munn of Southern NH Planning Commission would not be attending tonight's meeting, as planned, because of personal issues.

Liaison Report

Solar up - G. Tolman attended a Regional Planning Commission meeting regarding Solar Up. He said that 45 people in Frankestown have signed up for the program, 34 site visits have occurred, 10 are still awaiting a decision, and 4 have pulled out for various reasons. He could not say how many are committed to contracts at this point. He discussed the types of solar electricity generated and how it works. Eversource was present to explain how they will mitigate problems around transmission lines due to the public's perceived health risks from exposure to high tension lines.

6:43 p.m. Member Linda Kunhardt joined the meeting.

Skip Ashoo, a Representative from Bedford, talked about Manchester being the largest college town in New Hampshire. There are eleven colleges, not counting trade schools, in Manchester. The main point of their discussion is that NH has a hard time retaining BA graduates one year after graduation. NH is rated 44th in this regard.

Master Plan Visioning Workshop Summary Notes

L. Ames indicated that he wanted to go over the summary notes from the Workshop and try to organize the data. The general consensus of the Board and the public in attendance was that the SNHPC "Summary Notes" were disorganized and an overall disappointment. It was expected that SNHPC would provide a report analyzing the data but that was not the case. The Board decided to create categories and place the bullet points in the categories. G. Tolman had already created categories and explained his methodology. A discussion regarding how to organize the bullet points and put them in corresponding categories ensued. The Board agreed to the following categories:

- Conservation/Agriculture
- Demographics and Housing
- Commercial Development
- Infrastructure – Internet
- Etc.

B. Lindgren suggested that since G. Tolman had already organized the data he would be the best choice to reorganize the data and put the bullet points into the agreed upon categories. G. Tolman agreed

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L. Ames received communication from Marcie Tripp, Ted Graham and Kelly Marshall, workshop attendees, who offered additional input on the workshop subjects. The Board agreed that L. Ames would email copies of the communication to the Board Members. The Board discussed a timeframe for the next workshop and it was agreed that a September date was realistic. The SNHPC invoice for 2016 membership was discussed (\$985.32). L. Kunhardt wanted to hold off on payment of the invoice because she feels the Town has not received everything it paid for in 2015. Members argued that the membership invoice is unrelated. Kunhardt asked to view the itemized bill from SNHPC. L. Ames will request the itemized bill from Michael.

Review of Minutes

Minutes for May 19th, June 9th and June 16th were reviewed. In the June 16th minutes (pg. 3, ¶2) Town **Council** was misspelled; it should be Counsel. On page 5 under Vote, Tolman *inaudible* should read Tolman, **in favor**. On page 3, ¶2 **suggested we** should replace *inaudible*.

MOTION: L. Ames moved to accept meeting minutes for May 19, June 9 and June 16, 2015 as amended and accept the Summary Notes as the meeting minutes from the June 25, 2015 Visionary Workshop, seconded by B. Lindgren. (*no roll call vote*)

L. Kunhardt asked if accepting the SNHPC Summary Notes as meeting minutes absolved SNHPV from further obligation. L. Kunhardt withdrew her favorable vote to accept the Summary Notes as meeting minutes without contacting SNHPC to first determine if they will provide further analysis of the workshop. She did not want her affirmative vote to imply that the invoice should be paid. L. Ames said will ask Jack Munn about it.

MOTION: B. Lindgren moved that the Planning Board pay the invoice for membership dues from Southern NH Planning Commission, seconded by G. Tolman.

L. Ames stated that the Planning Board recommends payment of the invoice from dues Southern NH Planning Commission.

Vote:

Ames in favor	Arnold in favor
Tolman in favor	Lindgren in favor
Bourbeau in favor	Hardwick in favor
Kunhardt opposed	

L. Ames said that this was the last night for the minutes clerk. The Board agreed to allow the clerk to continue to transcribe meeting minutes from the voice recording for a few months to see if it works out.

Abigail said that the Board of Selectmen received a notice from SNHPC that they are sending a report on traffic. Julie Chen is supposed to contact L. Ames about coming in to talk to the Board about the report. G. Tolman said that Julie Chen may be very capable but is quite difficult to understand. Abigail suggested Larry talk to Jack about sending someone else. Abigail will send a copy of the notice she received from SNHPC to Larry.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment: Larry adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

