

## **Report of the Planning Board**

### **ROLE OF THE PLANNING BOARD**

The Planning Board has three primary roles:

1. Regulatory
  - a. Drafting new and amending existing Ordinances and Regulations.
  - b. Reviewing applications for Excavation permit renewals, Subdivisions, Lot Line Adjustments and Site Plans.
2. Non-Regulatory
  - a. Developing and maintaining a Master Plan - A Master Plan is a planning document that serves to guide the overall character, appearance, growth, and development of a community. It provides guidance to local officials making decisions on budgets, ordinances, capital improvements, zoning and subdivision matters, and other growth-related issues.
  - b. Develop and maintain a Capital Improvement Program (CIP). CIP links local infrastructure investments with Master Plan goals, Land Use Ordinances, and economic development. A CIP bridges the gap between planning and spending, between the visions of the Master Plan and the fiscal realities of improving and expanding community facilities.
3. Regional Planning - Communicating with and/or reporting information to the Board of Selectmen, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Conservation Commission and the Rockingham Planning Commission as well as State agencies such as the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NH DES), the Office of Strategic Initiatives (OSI), and the New Hampshire Municipal Association (NHMA).

### **PLANNING BOARD ACTIVITIES**

During 2019 the Planning Board met twice monthly to review the following applications:

- Excavation Renewal Permits for 4 (four) local gravel pit operations including site visits.
- Subdivision Reviews
- Lot Line Adjustments
- Major and Minor Site Plan Reviews
- Change in Use Review

The Board also kicked off the first update to the Town's Master Plan in several years. We hope you have time to take the survey on what you like about Fremont and what you would like to see in the future! The Board will share the results early in 2020 and have several public meetings to discuss the future of the Town's land use and development goals. Be sure to participate and be part of your future.

The Board also approved five (5) proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments for the Town to vote on in 2020. The Zoning changes will be presented to voters in March 2020.

### **PLANNING BOARD BUDGET**

In 2020, the Planning and Zoning Boards spent \$37,011 of the \$38,002 budgeted. In addition to covering administrative and operating costs of the Land Use department, a large portion of the budget goes toward government consulting services provided by Rockingham Planning Commission Circuit Rider, Jennifer Rowden, who regularly advises and attends Board meetings. Ms. Rowden's services also included the recent kickoff and preliminary updates to the Town's Master Plan. 2019 expenses also includes consulting services provided by BCM Planning, LLC for their review and input on School Impact Fees.

### **PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS**

Your current Planning Board Members are:

Paul Powers	Chairman	Andrew Kohlhofer	Vice-Chairman
Roger Barham	Selectmen	John (Jack) Karcz	Member
Tim Lavelle	Member	Mike Wason	Member
		Leanne Miner	Admin. Assistant/Alternate Member

Our gratitude is expressed to the Members who continue to volunteer their time and efforts to serve on the Town of Fremont Planning Board. A special thank you to John (Jack) Downing for 11 years of serving on the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment. The cross pollination of members between Boards provides consistency and solid transfer of information. Jack's dedication to the Boards and contributions over the years has been greatly appreciated. Early in 2019 Leanne Miner joined the Planning Board as an Alternate member and later in the year was hired as the new Administrative Assistant.

There is still room on the Planning Board in 2020. If you are interested in getting involved in community issues, participating in updating the Town's Master Plan, and making decisions that shape our community consider attending meetings and joining as an alternate member to gain the experience and knowledge needed to become a full and valued member of the Board.

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions for the Planning, please contact Land Use Administrative Assistant Leanne Miner in the Land Use Office at 895 3200 x 306 or by email at [landuse@fremont.nh.gov](mailto:landuse@fremont.nh.gov).

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Powers  
Chairman