

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. Review applications for Excavation permit renewals, Subdivisions, Lot Line Adjustments and Site Plans submitted to the Town.
2. Non-Regulatory
 - a. Develop and maintain a Master Plan
A Master Plan is a planning document that serves to guide the overall character, physical form, 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)
The Capital Improvement Program (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. It provides an outline of anticipated expenditures for capital projects projected over a period of at least six (6) years.
3. Working with other Boards and Organizations
Board of Selectmen, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Conservation Commission, Energy 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 2018 the Planning Board performed the following activities:

The Planning Board has eight (8) proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments. The Zoning changes will be presented to voters in March 2019.

In addition, the Planning Board completed the following work in 2018:

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| Excavation Renewal Permit(s) | 4 |
| Excavation Site Visit(s) | 4 |
| Subdivision Review | 4 |
| Site Plan Review | 6 |
| Minor Site Plan Review | 1 |
| Change of Use Review | 1 |

Please note that three (3) of the six (6) Site Plan Review applications were denied without prejudice and one (1) of the six (6) Site Plan Review applications was withdrawn. Also note that ongoing applications that did not come to a conclusion before the year ended were not included in this tally.

PLANNING BOARD BUDGET

In 2018, the Town allocated \$37,765.00 to Planning and Zoning. In addition to funding the operation of the Land Use department, budget funds provide for external services such as the part time support of our Rockingham Planning Commission Circuit Rider, Jenn Rowden, who provides essential professional support to the Planning Board. At year end \$36,295.88 was spent with \$1,469.12 remaining unspent. In addition \$18,113.03 was realized in revenue.

PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS

Your current Planning Board Members are:

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| Brett Hunter | Chairman | John (Jack) Karcz | Vice-Chairman |
| John (Jack) Downing | Member | Andrew Kohlhofer | Member |
| Roger Barham | Selectmen | Tim Lavelle | Member |
| Paul Powers | Member | Mike Wason | Alternate |

This year, two new Planning Board members joined the Board. Paul Powers is now a voting member and Mike Wason is now an alternate member. The Board was pleased to have them appointed!

Our gratitude is expressed to the Members who continue to volunteer their time and efforts to serve on the Town of Fremont Planning Board.

Please visit the Planning Board page on the Fremont Town website for ongoing updates and information relative to the Zoning Ordinance, maps, regulations, decisions, minutes and agendas.

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions for the Planning Board, or if you would like to participate by filling available positions, please contact Land Use Administrative Assistant Casey Wolfe in the Land Use Office at 895-3200 x 306.

Respectfully submitted,

Brett Hunter
Chairman