

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 Excavations and 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 capital improvement program 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 6 years.
3. Working with other Boards and Organizations
Board of Selectmen, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Conservation Commission, Energy Commission & Rockingham Planning Commission as well as State agencies such as the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NH DES) Office of Energy and Planning (OEP) and the Local Government Center (LGC).

PLANNING BOARD BUDGET

In 2016, the Town allocated \$37,367 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 \$28,508.06 was spent with \$8,610.54 realized in revenue.

PLANNING BOARD ACTIVITIES

During 2016 the Planning Board performed the following activities:

Regulatory

A number of amendments associated with Site Plan Review and Subdivision Regulations and Zoning Ordinances have been completed. The zoning changes will be presented to voters in 2017.

Zoning Ordinance Amendments	2
Citizen's Petition (not recommended by PB)	1

In addition, the Planning Board completed the following work in 2016:

Excavation Renewal Permit(s)	4
Excavation Site Visit(s)	2
Subdivision Review	1
Site Plan Review	1
Minor Site Plan Review	1

Non Regulatory

The Town updated the Energy Chapter of the Master plan and adopted the Capital Improvement Plan.

PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS

Your current Planning Board Members are:

Brett Hunter	Chairman	John (Jack) Karcz	Vice-Chairman
John (Jack) Downing	Member	Andrew Kohlhofer	Member
Leon Holmes, Sr.	Member	Tom O'Brien	Alternate
Roger Barham	Selectmen		

Don Marshall continues as the Planning Board representative as a Commissioner to the Rockingham Planning Commission.

The Board welcomed a new Land Use Administrative Assistant, Casey Wolfe. She has been learning and working to keep the Planning Board organized. She is excited to be working for the Town of Fremont!

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 one of the available positions, please contact Casey in the Land Use Office at 895-3200 x 17 or FremontPZ@comcast.net.

Respectfully submitted,

Brett Hunter
Chairman



Administrative Assistant Casey Wolfe in the Land Use Office
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*"A nation that destroys its soils destroys itself. Forests are the lungs of our land,
purifying the air and giving fresh strength to our people."*

~ Franklin D Roosevelt