

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 2013 the Town allocated \$38,466 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 Rockingham Planning Commission Circuit Rider who provides essential professional support to the Planning Board.

The Town, with the support of the Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC) receives grant monies annually to perform valuable planning related projects:

1. The Board completed the amendment to the Vision Chapter of the Master Plan funded with a 2012 50/50 Targeted Block Grant (TGB). The Town contributed \$2,500 and the total value of services received was \$5,000.
2. In October 2013 the Board contracted with RPC for planning assistance to complete amendments to the Energy and Growth Control chapters of the Master Plan. This is a 50/50 matching grant funded by the RPC. The Town also contracted with RPC for \$585 to provide miscellaneous planning services not covered by the normal Circuit Rider contract. The Town contributed \$2,400 and the total value of services to be received in 2014 will be \$4,215.

At year end \$36,223.33 was spent with \$2,242.67 remaining unspent. In addition \$8,461.50 was realized in revenue.

PLANNING BOARD ACTIVITIES

During 2013 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.

Subdivision Regulation Amendment(s)	1
Subdivision Development Agreement	1
Site Plan Review Regulation Amendment(s)	1
Site Plan Review Development Agreement	1
Zoning Ordinance Amendment(s)	2

In addition, the Planning Board completed the following work in 2013:

Excavation Renewal Permit(s)	4
Excavation Site Visit(s)	2
Subdivision Review	1
Subdivision Condition Amendment	1
Lot Line Adjustment	1
Scenic Road Hearing	1

The zoning changes will be presented to voters in 2014.

Non Regulatory

The Town updated the Vision Chapter of the Master plan and is currently updating the Capital Improvement Program.

PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS

Your current Planning Board Members are:

Roger Barham	Chairman	John (Jack) Karcz	Vice-Chairman
John (Jack) Downing	Member	Andrew Kohlhofer	Member
Christopher Silk	Alternate	Phil Coombs	Alternate
Brett Hunter	Selectman		

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

The Board is extremely grateful to Meredith Bolduc, our Land Use Administrative Assistant, whose hard work and dedication ensures the smooth functioning of the office.

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 Meredith in the Land Use Office at 895-3200 x 17.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Barham
Chairman

*“A man's country is not a certain area of land, but it is a principle;
and patriotism is loyalty to that principle”.*

~George William Curtis