

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 describes how, why, where, and when to build or rebuild a city or town. 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 Adjustments, 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 2011 the Town allocated \$42,771 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 Brian Groth, Rockingham Planning Commission Circuit Rider who provides essential professional support to the Planning Board.

The Rockingham Planning Commission receives grant monies annually from the NH Office of Energy and Planning to use for regional planning projects. This Targeted Block Grant (TBG) and is in the form of a 50/50 matching program, in the range of \$1,000 - \$3,000 per community.

Annually, the board budgets \$3,000 to ensure TGB funds can be accessed to perform valuable services. If it is not budgeted the Town is not eligible for the funding.

The Rockingham Planning Commission further assists the Land Use Office to secure additional grant funding to support development of new or updating existing master plan chapters and ordinances/regulations. Primarily, funding has been secured from the I-93 NH DOT Community Technical Assistance Program (CTAP).

At year end \$36,214 was spent with \$6,557 remaining unspent. Generally, this surplus is a result of lower than average expenses due to the slow economy.

PLANNING BOARD ACTIVITIES

During 2011 the Planning Board performed the following activities:

Regulatory

A number of amendments associated with Site Plan Review, Subdivision and Excavation Regulations have been discussed and are in various stages of enactment. In addition, the Planning Board completed the following work:

Zoning Ordinances for 2012 Voter consideration	3
Lot Line Adjustments	1
Excavation Renewal Permit(s) and Excavation Site Visit(s)	4
Site Plan Review	1
Scenic Road Trimming and Cutting Approval	1

Non Regulatory

The Board secured a CTAP grant for \$3,500 to perform an audit of the Master Plan.

The Board secured a TBG grant for \$2,500 for updating of the Vision Chapter of the Master plan to be completed during 2012.

In 2010 the Board secured a TBG grant to develop an update to the Capital Improvement Program which is still being developed. This update will include a fundamental change to the CIP process and it is expected to implement the changes in 2012.

PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS

Your current Planning Board Members are:

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

The Board welcomes Don Marshall who was appointed as the Fremont 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

“Most of the important things in the world have been
accomplished by people who have kept on trying
when there seemed to be no help at all.”

~Dale Carnegie