

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The continued downturn in the economy has enabled the Planning Board to focus its efforts on planning activities such as updating Master Plan chapters and various Ordinances.

The Planning Board, with the assistance of the Rockingham Planning Commission and the Fremont Land Use Office, has obtained many grants. These grants have allowed the Board to update a number of Master Plan Chapters, obtain a Build-out Analysis of the Town, and create an Open Space Plan for the Town. The awarded grants are listed below.

The Board has updated 3 Chapters of the Master Plan this year:

- Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan (reference)
- Existing and Future Land Use
(Funded by the NH OEP 2007 Targeted Block Grant - \$2,500)
- Transportation (Funded by a \$2,500 Metropolitan Planning Organization grant through the New Hampshire Department of Transportation.)

The Board is currently working on the following Master Plan Chapters:

- Water Resources section of the Natural Resources Inventory
(Funded by the NH OEP 2009 Targeted Block Grant - \$2,000)
- Housing
(Funded by a \$5,000 grant awarded by the I-93 Community Technical Assistance Program)
- Public Utilities and Services; and Capital Improvements Program process
(Funded by the NH OEP 2010 Targeted Block Grant - \$1,000)

In addition, the Board is also working on:

- The Fremont Open Space Plan
(Funded with a \$10,000 grant awarded by the I-93 Community Technical Assistance Program)
- Build-Out Analysis of the Town
(Funded with a \$10,000 grant awarded by the I-93 NH Department of Transportation Community Technical Assistance Program)

The Planning Board also applied for and was awarded a \$5,000 grant by the Community Technical Assistance Program (CTAP) to fund the creation of an Inclusionary (Workforce) Housing Zoning Ordinance. The original plan was to either create a Workforce Housing Ordinance, or to amend existing Zoning Ordinance(s) to meet the criteria of the State-mandated Workforce Housing and to have it ready to put before the voters in 2010. However, the Board felt it needed additional review and proposed to present it to the voters in 2011.

Annually, the Rockingham Planning Commission receives grant monies from the NH Office of Energy and Planning to use for regional planning projects. This Targeted Block Grant

(TBG) and is a 50/50 matching program for between \$1,000 and \$3,000 per community. The Town is required to formally apply for this grant and ensure that the local match is available as budgeted funds. The Fremont Planning Board budgeted, applied for, and was granted the following TBG grants:

FY 2010	Master Plan	Public Utilities and Services; and Capital Improvements Program process	\$1,000
FY 2009	Master Plan	Water Resource Chapter	\$2,000
FY 2008	Master Plan	Land Use Chapter	\$2,500
FY 2007	Capital Improvements Plan		\$2,250
FY 2006	Master Plan	Future Land Use Chapter	\$3,000
FY 2005	Master Plan	Visioning Chapter	\$2,000

Additional 2009 Planning Board reviews and decisions resulted in:

- 4 Excavation Renewal Permits and Excavation Site Visits
- 1 Excavation Permit Application withdrawn
- 1 Site Plan Review
- Zoning Ordinance Amendments; 3 approved & 1 tabled
- Site Plan Review Regulation updates

In-House Workshops hosted and attended by the Planning Board Members included:

- Wind to Energy presentation; Albert Zogopoulos
- Fremont Build-Out Analysis - Rob Pruyne of the Rockingham Planning Commission.

The Board continues to appreciate the services of Meredith Bolduc, our Land Use Administrative Assistant, who keeps the Planning Board and the Land Use Office operating efficiently.

Our thanks is extended to Gene Cordes who stepped down as the Selectmen's Representative to the Planning Board when he ended his tenure as a Selectman in March of this year. His dedication will be missed. We welcomed our new Selectmen's representative, Brett Hunter, whose experience as a former ZBA member is invaluable to the Planning Board.

We will miss David West as our Rockingham Planning Commission Circuit Rider who left this year to pursue a teaching career. We welcomed our new Circuit Rider, Brian Groth, whose expert assistance has already proved to be a welcome addition to the meetings.

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

Your current Planning Board Members are:

Roger Barham	Chairman
John (Jack) Karcz	Vice-Chairman
John (Jack) Downing	Member
Derek Downing	Member
Brett Hunter	Member and Selectmen's Rep
Salvatore Angelone	Alternate
Thomas Roy	Alternate

Please visit the Planning Board page on the Fremont Town website at www.Fremont.nh.gov 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



04 March 2009 – Last Board of Selectmen's meeting with Selectman Gene Cordes

L to R: Brett Hunter, Griffin Cordes, Gene Cordes, Donald Gates Jr, Peter Bolduc, Dianne Bolduc, Beverly Brooks, Greta St Germain