

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The slow economy has given the Fremont Planning Board the opportunity to take advantage of the minimal amount of subdivision and site plan review applications to focus on some much needed actual planning. They have met 3 times per month for most of the year working for many hours to update the Towns Subdivision, Site Plan Review and Excavation regulations as well as the Town's Master Plan. Changes to each Regulation and each Chapter of the Master Plan must be drafted, reviewed and at least one Public Hearing held for approval. In addition the Planning Board has updated the Capital Improvements Program, which is ongoing every year.

In all a total of 6 Chapters of the Master Plan have been amended this year including:

- Natural Resource Inventory (NRI)
- Recreation
- Community Facilities
- Historic Resources, Housing
- Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan
- Existing and Future Land Use

The Board is also currently working on the following Master Plan chapters:

- Transportation
- Water Resources section of the Natural Resources Inventory
- Housing

The Planning Board has applied to the Community Technical Assistance Program for funding to create an Inclusionary (Workforce) Housing zoning ordinance to put before the voters in 2010.

Each year the Rockingham Planning Commission receives grant monies from the NH Office of Energy and Planning to use for regional planning projects. This is called a Targeted Block Grant (TBG) and is a 50/50 matching program for between \$1,000 and \$3,000 per community. The Town must formally apply for this grant and the local match must be in the form of budgeted funds and available for the current year. If it is not budgeted the Town is not eligible for the funding. The Fremont Planning Board budgeted, applied for, and was granted the following TBG grants:

• FY 09: Master Plan - Water Resource Chapter	\$2000
• FY 08: Master Plan - Land Use Chapter	\$2500
• FY 07: Capital Improvements Plan	\$2250
• FY 06: Master Plan - Future Land Use Chapter	\$3000
• FY 05: Master Plan - Visioning Chapter	\$2000

In 2008 the Planning Board also applied for and was awarded a Metropolitan Planning Organization grant through the New Hampshire Department of Transportation and distributed through the Rockingham Planning Commission:

- MP Transportation Chapter \$2500

In 2008 the Planning Board also applied for and was awarded the following from the Community Technical Assistance Program:

- Outreach Flyer/Conservation/ Subdivision Zoning \$ 421
- MP Implement/Action Plan Chapter \$1500
- MP Housing Chapter \$5000

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

- June 18 - Density of Credit Transfer; Cliff Sinott of Rockingham Planning Commission.
- July 9 - Impact Fees; Bruce Mayberry for the Community Technical Assistance Program - Local Government Cluster Workshop.
- July 16 - Workforce Housing; Stephanie Schuyler of the Workforce Housing Coalition of the Greater Seacoast.
- August 6 - Innovative Land Use Techniques: Planner Clay Mitchell
- October 1 - Community Technical Assistance Program Build-out Plan: Rob Pruyne of Rockingham Planning Commission.
- October 22 - Economic Development: Marie Capello of the Rockingham Economic Development Corporation.

Some additional 2008 Planning Board reviews and decisions resulted in:

- Amendment to the Fremont Zoning Sign Ordinance which was approved by the March 2008 Town Meeting vote
- 1 Lot Line Adjustment
- 5 Excavation Renewal Permits
- 5 Excavation Site Visits
- 1 Site Plan Review
- 2 Voluntary Lot Merger
- 1 Scenic Road Trimming and Cutting Approval
- Recommendation of a Warrant Article in support of the Conservation Commission to put before the voters at the 2009 Town Meeting to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A-4-a,I(b)

Our appreciation goes to our Land Use Administrative Assistant Meredith Bolduc, who continues to keep the Planning Board and the Land Use Office operating efficiently. The Land Use Office serves effectively to keep continuity between all the Land Use Boards (Planning Board, ZBA and Conservation Commission).

Our thanks is extended to Scott Boisvert and Mark Pitkin who stepped down this year as Planning Board Members and to Peter Bearse who served as Fremont's Commissioner to the Rockingham Planning Commission until his recent relocation. Their dedication will be missed.

Our gratitude is expressed to Building Official Thom Roy for attending the Planning Board meetings and sharing his planning knowledge; to our Rockingham Planning Commission

Circuit Rider David West for his expert assistance and 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
Leon Holmes, Jr.	Member
Gene Cordes	Member and Selectmen's Rep
Salvatore Angelone	Alternate

Please visit the Planning Board page on the Fremont Town website for ongoing updates and information relative to the Zoning Ordinances, 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 the Land Use Office at 895-3200 X 17.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Barham
Chairman



New Town Sign – Route 107 at Route 111A
L to R: Carolyn Carr, Eric Schreiber, Robert Collins, Pat Richmond, Tom Nisbet, John Greico

Business leaders in Fremont generously donated funds to purchase and erect two new signs entering the Town on Route 107. Carolyn Carr, resident of Fremont and Garden Club member, spearheaded the effort for this project. Matthew Thomas, President of the Fremont Historical Society, provided the design, and Signs of the Times of Exeter created the signs.

Many thanks to the following donors: Justin Philbrick, Colonial Poplin, Inc.; Eric Schreiber, Schreiber's Collision & Restoration Center; Nicholas Kakouris, Fremont Pizzeria; Glen Hutchins, Glenn's Auto Sales; John Grieco, Quality Flame Cutting Co Inc; Kenneth Pitkin, Pitkin Construction, Inc; Tom Nisbet, Precision Placement Machines, Inc; Members of the Fremont Garden Club; Audrey Karamourtopoulos, Fremont Animal Hospital; and Robert Collins, Collins Pattern & Mold Co.

Thanks also to Guerwood Holmes and Leon Holmes Jr for their work and expertise in placing the signs, and to Robert Goodrich of W S Goodrich Inc in Epping, for his consultation and generosity with pricing of the granite posts. Garden Club Member Carolyn Carr also deserves a hearty thanks for spearheading and organizing this project, and taking the time necessary to meet with people and facilitate it all happening!